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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CORREA).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 11, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable J. LUIS CORREA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

FIGHTING FOR WORKING FAMILIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BUSTOS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the beginning of my final year in Congress. Throughout my five terms, I have always made working families my number one priority.

So, in my final year, what is at the top of my list to make sure that I am focusing on? Well, right now it is reinstating the child tax credit that just expired this month. Hardworking fami-

lies who are just trying to get by have come to count on that support month to month since we passed that last year.

Now, there are 71,000 families, just in the congressional district that I serve, who won't see that deposit into their bank account starting this month. So let's get to work.

In Illinois, more than half of the children living in poverty don't have a seat in the pre-K classroom. So let's get to work.

Parents across our Nation are spending a good chunk of their take-home pay for the childcare that they need in order to be able to go to work, and it is our job to help make that more affordable. So let's get to work.

I have got 1 year left in Congress and so much to accomplish, so I say to my own staff, I say to myself, I say to everybody in this body, let's get to work.

KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN MUST BE A PRIORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, against science and common sense, many traditional government schools continue to shut children out of the classroom.

The Biden administration has repeatedly put the political agenda of teachers' unions above the needs of children.

Throughout this pandemic, the Biden administration has ignored the concerns of parents and has, instead, crafted its COVID-19 school guidelines in accord with the demands of union bosses.

The Biden administration's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention consulted American Federation of Teachers, AFT, President Randi Weingarten for help in shaping guidance on school reopening. Entrusting a union boss and major campaign donor

to make public health decisions is completely unacceptable.

Teachers' unions took full advantage of the pandemic. They bullied and coerced the Biden administration until they got almost everything they asked for. Anytime the Biden administration resisted their demands, these unions had a meltdown, publicly shaming the administration, staging sick-outs, and making their demands even more elaborate and unreasonable.

According to CDC guidance, schools can safely stay open. The data proves that schools are not and have never been a major vector of spread. Yet, even with all the scientific data, teachers' unions are holding their ground at the cost of students' well-being.

This pandemic has taken a major toll on young people. Children, who are at the lowest risk of being made seriously ill by COVID-19, have been forced out of the classrooms by the demands of teachers' unions.

Forcing students to learn behind a screen has led to devastating consequences. According to a report by Curriculum Associates, the number of students testing at two or more grade levels below their own grade has significantly increased since the pandemic. The numbers are worse for students who are already at risk.

For example, 49 percent of third graders who come from low-income areas are now two or more grade levels behind in reading and math. This is an increase of 10 to 12 percent since before the pandemic began.

Because of school closures, many students have also been suffering from isolation, depression, and anxiety. It was alarming to read that the number of ER visits for suspected suicide attempts by teenage girls rose from early 2019 to early 2021 by 51 percent.

This is a public health crisis in and of itself yet one that is being ignored by many of the decisionmakers at both the national and local level in favor of special interest groups like the AFT.

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That is why Republicans at the Education and Labor Committee have been fighting so hard to keep schools open. We know the stakes are high.

This pandemic has made it abundantly clear that teachers' unions, as well as the education establishment, have too much power. Neither union bosses nor bureaucrats in Washington should be able to keep our children from the classroom. Access to education is an important right in this country, one that teachers' unions are belittling with their outrageous demands.

What has the outsized influence of teachers' unions produced? Less school choice, falling education standards, explicit material in school libraries, critical race theory-inspired curriculum, and years of learning loss.

Teachers' unions have become far less about protecting teachers or students and far more about promoting a left-wing political agenda. This was made clear when the teachers' unions in several major cities joined forces with the Democratic Socialists of America to demand an eviction moratorium and an end to voucher programs as conditions for reopening schools.

The longer we let these union bosses take advantage of this pandemic, the worse off our students will be. Students should no longer take a back seat to politics or special interests.

It is time to stop catering to teachers' unions and to start serving the needs of students.

RECOGNIZING EDUCATORS AND SCHOOL STAFF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the resilient, dedicated, and understandably exhausted, yet unflagging, educators and school staff across the Nation.

I have spent my career advocating for an equitable education system, and I am a proud dad of four children who are products of Michigan public schools. In fact, my daughter Molly is currently a high school junior who is set to graduate next year. I can hardly believe it.

That is why I have been especially disheartened when I meet regularly with educators and superintendents in Macomb and Oakland Counties and hear stories of how these frontline workers navigate from one crisis to another, seemingly without end. From multiple COVID-19 waves and politicization of commonsense public health measures, like masking and vaccines, to mass shootings, like the Oxford High School tragedy in my home county of Oakland County that we are still mourning, and startling learning loss and social delays.

Mr. Speaker, our educators, school staff, and administrators are not catching a break. They are working tirelessly and meeting daily, even over hol-

iday breaks, to make sure they can provide the best learning environment for our students. Across the board, they reported trouble finding teachers, finding bus drivers, finding kitchen staff and everything in between.

Our students are returning to the classroom with immense needs in the midst of a teacher and substitute shortage. All manner of staff and administrators, including even superintendents themselves, are stepping up and entering the classroom as substitutes.

One thing is very clear: We need a societal shift to address the issues around staffing, attendance, learning loss, and the social and mental health needs of our students. As the omicron variant continues to surge, we must prioritize education and consider it a sacred public good instead of an industry, and value our educators and school staff by providing living wages, safe work environments, and ending the attacks on educators and their unions.

The pandemic has exposed long-simmering problems, as crises are wont to do. It is a time for a fundamental reset; time for us to realize that, while markets do a great job of distributing goods and services across the society, there are a few social goods that should not be determined by market forces but, rather, lifted up above them as a way to protect our democracy and make the healthy functioning of markets possible in the first place.

One is public safety. Another is access to quality healthcare for every person. A third is an excellent public education for every child, from preschool to community college.

We cannot continue to put our educators through the wringer. Longtime professionals in my district tell me they are hearing from new teachers who say they won't last a couple of years, much less decades.

My response was this: We must restore the education profession; the dignity of the education profession; the worth and the standing of the education profession, no matter how difficult it is. We must train teachers and prepare them for success, offer them appropriate pay and benefits, and support them, not only in the classroom, but in our society with the dignity and respect they deserve.

As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, I urge my colleagues to join me in continuing the fight for robust investments and just policies to make sure our country, our economy, and our education system work for every American, not just the wealthy few.

THE DRUG CRISIS IS DECIMATING COMMUNITIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the drug cri-

sis that is decimating communities and destroying families.

Earlier this month, the CDC released data showing that fentanyl overdoses are now the number one killer of Americans ages 18 to 45: number one killer. This data is tragic. No family should have to deal with the sudden loss of a loved one.

Fentanyl is often ingested unknowingly, and a dose smaller than the size of a penny can be lethal.

In 2021, President Biden swung open the doors to our southern border, and the impact of that continues to be negative. That decision invited drug traffickers into our country. Last year, Border Patrol agents seized enough fentanyl to kill every man, woman and child in my home State of Pennsylvania.

We cannot solve this crisis while our borders remain open. We cannot solve this crisis while the Biden administration fails to act.

This deadly drug will continue to pour into our country if we fail to build the wall. It will continue to pour into our country if we do not get the border agents the support and the tools that they need.

This issue is far too important to continue to ignore. Our communities continue to suffer. Congress should act now to make fentanyl analogs a schedule one narcotic.

The Biden administration must secure our southern border. Our communities, they are counting on us to act. We can no longer continue to let them down.

SCHOOLS NEED CRITICAL INVESTMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the critical investments we are making in our schools. Schools are the pillars of our communities. They are the places where our children learn and grow every day. Making sure that these spaces are safe for our Nation's children is one of our most important responsibilities.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, many of these facilities are not up to the task. School boards have been sounding the alarm for years about lead pipes, poor air quality, and now COVID-19 issues hurting our children's education. And for too long, help has not come.

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But this month, during School Board Recognition Month, I am proud to be able to tell schools in my district and around the country that help is on the way.

Thanks to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed by this Chamber, we are bringing billions of dollars to make safe, healthy schools for our kids. That means billions of dollars to remove dangerous lead pipes

from schools; millions of dollars to buy masks and protective equipment for teachers, staff, and students; and millions of rapid, accurate COVID tests so everyone can get tested and stay safe.

We are also investing billions to improve air quality in schools across America.

The impact of these investments cannot be overstated. We all know how dangerous lead contamination is for our kids. Lead poisoning can cause developmental problems, mental and physical health issues, and even death. No child should be poisoned by their own school water fountain—not in Texas, not in America, not anywhere. That is why this law is investing \$2.9 billion to replace lead pipes in Texas schools and make sure our children have clean, safe drinking water.

It is for those same reasons, Mr. Speaker, that we are also putting tax dollars to work for cleaner air in schools. Poor air quality hurts students every day, making it harder to learn and contributing to illnesses like asthma.

Recently, poor air circulation and filters have been driving up COVID-19 cases in schools. We can keep our kids safe in their schools by installing better filters that clean out the COVID virus before it travels between classrooms; we can keep our kids safe by providing them and their teachers with masks to help stop the spread; and we can keep our kids safe by making sure that if anyone does feel sick, they can immediately get a free COVID test.

There are over 193,000 schoolchildren in my district. I am proud that the investments we are making will help each and every one of them. These are important measures we are taking right now to make schools safe and a great place to learn and grow for our students, for the teachers, the bus drivers, the cafeteria workers, and all those that keep our schools open and safe.

Houston ISD alone has over 29,000 employees working hard every day for our kids. They have been on the front lines of this pandemic, helping our children stay on track, even as this disease has disrupted almost everything in their lives. It is absolutely vital that we bring these important tools for safe schools to them as well. Making sure that our educators and staff have rapid tests, masks, and vaccines will keep everyone in schools stay safe and healthy.

But we must also finish the job and build back better, which will include billions for universal pre-K, which boosts our education system, and reinstate the child tax credit, which will lift children out of poverty.

I am proud of the work of this Congress, and I am proud of the critical investments to my district, in our schools, in Texas, and across the country.

We have made incredible progress this past year to help our educators, our students, and our communities

bounce back from COVID-19. I am thankful for the hard work of President Biden and my colleagues in the House and the Senate. Thanks to our collective efforts, students, teachers, and faculty will have safe schools, clean water, and a brighter future.

CONGRATULATING MALCOLM MEYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, a devoted father and husband, a selfless leader, and a legend in Louisiana real estate law.

Malcolm Meyer graduated magna cum laude from Tulane University, graduated from Tulane Law School, and then served 4 years as a JAG officer in the United States Navy.

Malcolm Meyer practiced law over 30 years, taught and mentored students as an adjunct professor, and he became a leading expert in his field, literally writing the book on real estate transaction law in Louisiana, the widely read and referenced "Malcolm's Manual on Louisiana Real Estate."

Malcolm has used his vast knowledge and expertise not only to better his colleagues and his profession, but to help the disadvantaged in his community. Most notably, following the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, Malcolm spent countless hours of pro bono work protecting the property and belongings of the most vulnerable in his State.

He has been recognized over the years for his outstanding volunteer service by organizations, including Louisiana Appleseed Foundation, Louisiana Land Title Association, and the prestigious George Herbert Walker Bush's Points of Light.

On December 29, Malcolm was named the recipient of the 2021 Louisiana Land Title Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

Strong countries and vibrant communities, Mr. Speaker, are not established merely because of good laws but because of good men whose hearts are devoted to the sum of all laws: Love thy neighbor as thyself.

That is Malcolm Meyer to his core, and I know that unequivocally, Mr. Speaker, because he is my father-in-law. I am so proud of him, and I want to congratulate Big Mouse and send our best. We love Big Mouse, and it is a well-deserved recognition.

RECOGNIZING DON MCBEATH

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding west Texan, a great partner in delivering rural healthcare solutions, and a dear friend, Don McBeath.

Don is retiring from his role as director of government relations for the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals, what we refer to as TORCH, where he has been a champion for over 150 rural hospitals since 2007.

Prior to his time with TORCH, Don blazed the trail in telehealth by serv-

ing as the director of telemedicine and rural health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Before that, he served as a judge and several years in the DA's office.

I wish Don and Beverly all the best as they move into the next chapter of their lives. I thank Don for his friendship and his tremendous contributions to rural west Texas.

CONGRATULATING CASH PATTEN AND BERKLEY WATERS

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, rodeo is not just a sport; it is a way of life and a heritage in the Lone Star State. I am pleased to see this time-honored tradition is being kept alive by the next generation of Texans.

I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of two outstanding west Texans, 9-year-old Berkley Waters of Lubbock and 12-year-old Cash Patten of New Home. Berkley and Cash, two great cowboy names, recently competed in the barrel racing finals in the Junior World Finals rodeo in Las Vegas.

West Texans are known for being hardworking, tough, and undeterred. Cash and Berkley have these qualities, Mr. Speaker, in spades. Their commitment to these virtues and their craft has allowed them to perform at the highest level and on the biggest stage in their sport.

I want to congratulate Berkley and Cash for all their hard work and what they have been able to accomplish at a young age.

God bless America and go west Texas.

HONORING SENATOR HARRY REID

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Nevada (Mrs. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Nevada's longest-serving Senator, Harry Reid, who passed away on December 28, with his beloved children: Lana, Key, Josh, Leif, and Rory; and his devoted wife of 62 years, Landra, by his side. My condolences and prayers are with them all and with the countless people whose lives he has changed, his friends, staff, and all of those in the great State of Nevada.

This tribute could be about Senator Reid being the most consequential Senate majority leader in modern history. It could also be about how Senator Reid was the true embodiment of what it meant to be battle born, a boxer as a young man who never backed down from a good fight for the least among us.

It could be about the story of his American Dream, rising out of severe poverty in Searchlight, Nevada; hitchhiking 40 miles to school; working as a Capitol Police Officer to put himself through law school, to becoming one of the most powerful political leaders of our time.

It could also be about his legislative accomplishments, such as the Affordable Care Act, which gave millions of

Americans access to affordable healthcare, saving our economy during the Great Recession, taking on Wall Street, or making sure that Nevada would not become the Nation's nuclear waste dumping ground.

However, I want to focus on Senator Reid's role in advancing women in politics.

In Nevada, Senator Reid is known for his quiet yet sometimes curt demeanor; his incredible, strategic mind; and his work ethic beyond compare.

He built a team, known as Team Reid, that has roots throughout this Capitol, throughout Nevada, and throughout this country, which will have an impact long beyond his life.

There is no doubt that Senator Reid was a visionary when it came to politics. His vision in making sure that women had a runway into politics has left an indelible mark.

Within his own legendary team, women occupied the most senior posts. At the same time, Senator Reid recruited and mentored women up and down the ballot. It is no surprise, therefore, that Nevada became the first State to have a woman-majority State legislature. We have a woman-majority supreme court, as well as a woman-majority congressional delegation, with two female Senators, CORTEZ MASTO and ROSEN.

Harry Reid's devotion to Landra is legendary. Perhaps it was her enormous role in his life and his utter respect for her as a partner that seeded his unspoken yet strong commitment to women's leadership. Maybe it was the role that his mother played, raising him out of extreme poverty in Searchlight, Nevada. Whatever the motivation, the results speak for themselves.

Growing up in Searchlight, Harry Reid was given a nickname, Pinky. I am not sure what it referred to, and I actually don't think he particularly liked it. But as Senator Reid lies in state in our Nation's Capitol this week, this woman, who benefited from his mentorship and guidance, will believe that perhaps that nickname was a premonition of his role in changing the face of leadership in Nevada and this country.

We all know that Senator Reid was infamous for not saying goodbye. I myself was the recipient of that dial tone on many occasions. But those occasions were because he never failed to pick up the phone when I called for advice. I will miss those phone calls, but I will take this opportunity to say goodbye to a man who showed how to fight for the little guy; a man who could take a punch and outwork anyone; a man who led through example of compassion and strength.

I say goodbye to Senator Reid and thank him.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize National Human Trafficking Day. This issue, the issue of human trafficking, is not a Republican or Democrat issue. It is an American issue. It is a human issue.

That is why today I am proud to wear blue to show my support to all those fighting this terrible scourge and also to the victims of trafficking, to stand in solidarity as we fight for resources and support and also to educate fellow Members and citizens about this terrible scourge. We need to be loud.

Trafficking occurs in every State, in every district, and in every city, which is why every single Member here today needs to come together as we fight this modern-day slavery.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle as we work to strengthen resources for those on the front lines and continue to expose the awful scourge of modern-day slavery that we know as trafficking.

HONORING CORPORAL DUANE DEWEY

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable American hero. Corporal Duane Dewey of the United States Marine Corps embodied what it meant to be an American soldier and patriot.

A Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient, Corporal Dewey displayed courageous and meritorious actions during his service in the Korean war. Already riddled from shrapnel from a grenade, Corporal Dewey used his own body as a human shield and covered a grenade as it exploded. In doing so, he protected his fellow soldiers and showed true sacrifice in service. Miraculously, he survived.

In 1953, President Eisenhower presented Corporal Dewey with the Medal of Honor and described his remarkable service as "indomitable courage, outstanding initiative, and valiant efforts on behalf of others in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Dewey."

Now, after 26 years serving in the Marine Corps Corporal Dewey retired and spent many winter seasons in my home county of Alachua. He was well known in the veteran community and throughout Florida for his incredible bravery during battle and as an example of giving one's all for their Nation, no questions asked.

Mr. Dewey recently passed away after a long and distinguished life of service. His life will be remembered through the many people who had the honor of meeting and knowing Corporal Dewey and through the Duane E. Dewey AMVETS Post 1988 of Baldwin, where many of his service records are on display.

We will continue to thank today but also every day the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, like Corporal Dewey, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our Nation.

God bless Corporal Dewey. May he rest easy.

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CONGRATULATING JEB SMITH

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the newest president of the Florida Farm Bureau, Mr. Jeb Smith. Before his election to this position, Mr. Smith served on the State board of the Florida Farm Bureau and on the Putnam-St. Johns County Farm Bureau board of directors.

Jeb's family has over a century of experience farming in Florida. Their current cattle, hay, and sod operation in St. Johns County have been going strong for decades, and their operation will be recognized next year as a Century Pioneer Family Farm.

Mr. Smith started as a volunteer leader with the Florida Farm Bureau and, in the following decades, has been recognized as the Florida Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer, among many other accolades.

In addition to serving as the bureau's president, Jeb is also a St. Johns County commissioner and a board member of the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch. He also founded the God's Way Baptist Church in Hastings and has served as its pastor.

I am sure that his wife of 27 years, Wendy, and his four children are proud of his accomplishments.

Congratulations to my friend, President Smith, on his election. I wish him the best as he leads the Florida Farm Bureau and the incredible people who continue to champion our farmers, ranchers, and producers in Florida. We wish Jeb the very best of luck and offer him our congratulations.

PASSING VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION IS ONLY OPTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Formulated by the people of the United States to create a more perfect union—we know these words. They are the core of our being. Our Nation of over 300 million people embraces diversity and individualism, has birthed a citizenry that speaks many languages, holds a plethora of deep religious beliefs, or none, and practices customs and traditions originating on distant shores.

We are unique. African Americans, in particular, have a unique history embedded in slavery, discrimination, and the denial of our rights, but voting rights have been our refuge.

Today I rise and say there is no option other than passing the John Robert Lewis Voting Rights Advancement

Act and the Freedom to Vote Act. There is no option. We do not just survive; our Nation thrives because of our shared belief that helps us against all odds. It helped us in World War I and World War II and the conflicts in and around. It helps us in wars where we have lost our young men and women.

We have a country formed out of many to become one people. Americans share the same compact that we are a nation of laws that flow from the most crucial and fundamental law, the Constitution of the United States.

The impact of the Constitution and its basic premise can be summarized by the simple belief that every individual is entitled to an equally valid vote.

We saw in 2020 that fragile vote that saw the largest turnout in any Presidential election in the history of the United States—that is a very long time—challenged from its very beginning, challenged on the day of the election, continued to be challenged and misrepresented and distorted, and election officials attacked and intimidated, even removed from office.

So I stand today on the shoulders not only of Dr. Martin Luther King, who I view, in fact, as a modern-day prophet; and our own colleague, John Robert Lewis; but I stand on the shoulders of a widow, Coretta Scott King, who I got to know in the aftermath of her husband's death. She worked without ceasing to have his principles, his values, his understanding of the "beloved community" recognized and to continue the sense of the rightness and righteousness of voting.

I had the privilege of working for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It will always be a special part of my history. I had the privilege of working with individuals with names that we know, the young Hosea Williams, James Orange, some of the generals and foot soldiers that were in the army of Dr. Martin Luther King's beloved America.

Yes, I had the privilege—I call it that—of walking on plantations to try to register Black sharecroppers frightened and intimidated, though dignified, to vote. Their intimidation was real because those who owned the general store or the plantation were not eager for those Blacks in the South to vote or for those Hispanics and others who worked, as Dr. King worked, with Cesar Chavez and the farmworkers. They were not eager for them to vote.

Today, as we are about to watch as a step is to be made, both in terms of the speech of a President and Vice President but the actual vote in the Senate, we cannot isolate ourselves to focus on one or two persons. We really have to focus on who we are as a Nation, that this vote binds us together. It is the voice of the people.

And the Constitution, it trumps any figment of our imagination that may consider something legitimate. The filibuster is not legitimate. It is a rule of one body of this Congress. It is a rule that we adhere to, as civil people do.

We adhere to rules. We adhere to those in this House. I agree with that until a rule is used to trump and deny the basic constitutional values of the 14th Amendment and the Fifth Amendment of due process and equality, as it was utilized in the 20th century by segregationist Senators to deny civil rights laws.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that I stand here today on Coretta's name and Martin's name and Bobby's name and John's name, that we must demand courage. To not vote for the Voting Rights Act is not an option. I will not allow that to happen because I will stand with every breath in my body to ensure that the American people can vote without intimidation, and they will be intimidated without the laws of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and as well the Freedom to Vote Act.

LISTENING TO CONCERNS OF KANSAS' BIG FIRST

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take the opportunity today to speak directly on behalf of my constituents and their concerns.

Each year I make a point to host a townhall in all 63 counties of the Big First District because visiting with and listening to Kansans, who I have taken an oath to serve, is one of the greatest joys of my work as a Member of Congress.

So far in 2022, I have hosted seven of these townhalls. At each meeting, I heard the same concerns echoed: government spending, labor shortages, vaccine mandates, and the next farm bill.

Kansans believe that government spending is out of control, and I agree with them. One of our country's fastest growing expenses is just the interest payments on our national debt, which is estimated to be \$562 billion for fiscal year 2021 alone. You could fund the entire Department of Agriculture more than twice over for that amount.

Given this situation, this administration's spending, as we have seen in the bloated Build Back Better plan, is shortsighted and dangerous. Wild discretionary government spending has weakened our great country and, not only that, spending on some programs during the pandemic has incentivized staying at home instead of returning to work.

Kansans believe that labor shortages are hurting Americans, and I agree with them. People can't find bus drivers to take their kids to school or sanitation workers to pick up their trash. Meanwhile, inflation is at a 40-year high; grocery store staples are up over 12 percent; and people's essential goods, like car parts and refrigerators, are still stuck on cargo ships. We are in an economic crisis, and this administration has yet to act meaningfully to combat the effects.

Kansans believe that vaccine mandates are unconstitutional, and I agree with them. Anyone who wants to get a vaccine should be able to get one in this country, but it is not the Federal Government's job to dictate personal healthcare choices of the American people. Vaccine mandates are a terrible idea for the present situation in this country, as they will only continue to strip the workforce of even more people.

Kansans are also worried about the next farm bill, particularly as it relates to crop insurance and the Livestock Indemnity Program, and I share these concerns. The 2018 farm bill did not include any major changes to Federal crop insurance, which provides a robust and strong safety net for farmers across the country.

I also want to ensure that the Livestock Indemnity Program remains intact, as it offered critical support to folks in my district after natural disasters like the recent wildfires that we saw last month.

Farmers and producers are rightfully concerned that the 2023 farm bill could see significant changes. However, given that fact, House Democrats have held zero farm bill implementation hearings so far.

My goal is to do everything within my power for my constituents to ensure that no significant changes are made to reduce either of these essential components in the next farm bill.

The new year, which has just begun, brings with it a hope for change and growth. If we have been dissatisfied with the course of our lives or that of our Nation, January ushers in a fresh start. It gives us an opportunity to examine ourselves and to reassess our goals and ambitions. Most of all, the new year reminds us of the greatest privileges we have, living in a free nation where we have the right to life and to liberty and to pursue happiness as we see fit.

As we begin the second year of the 117th Congress, I want to reiterate my dedication to serving my constituents in the Big First. I am fighting to preserve the foundation of our free Nation and to protect your values.

Kansas is still the pilot light of freedom for America. As long as it continues to burn, I believe that our brightest days are yet to come.

CREATING THE CONGRESSIONAL FFA CAUCUS

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to invite all of my colleagues to join me and 30 other Representatives from both sides of the aisle in the newly formed Congressional FFA Caucus. Representative PANETTA and I established this caucus to serve as an informal group dedicated to issues affecting the next generation of agriculture leaders and students pursuing careers in agriculture, food, natural resources, and related sciences.

As a past FFA chapter president from Quinter, Kansas, and a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I am dedicated to raising awareness

about school-based agricultural education, FFA, and the next generation of leaders who will feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

The National FFA Organization is a congressionally chartered school-based national youth leadership development organization that plays an integral role in preparing the next generation of leaders who will change the world.

I sincerely hope my colleagues in the House will consider joining our caucus to support agriculture and the students who are passionate about it.

REFLECTING ON DEMOCRATIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF PAST YEAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, as Congress reconvenes for the Second Session of the 117th Congress, I want to take a moment to reflect on the important achievements that the Democrats have made this past year.

The pandemic continues to be a challenge, but thanks to the funding provided by the Democrats' American Rescue Plan Act, the vast majority of Americans have been vaccinated and are protected from severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

We must also acknowledge that the Democrats' commitment to building back stronger and more equitably than before has resulted in unprecedented economic recovery from the initial impact of the pandemic.

Last month, the unemployment rate fell to 3.9 percent, the largest calendar-year decrease in the unemployment rate in history. We reached this rate 5 years before experts anticipated. That is the result of adding 6.4 million jobs to the economy since President Biden took office, regaining 84 percent of the jobs lost during the pandemic.

This economic boom was brought to you by President Biden and the Democrats in Congress who voted for the American Rescue Plan.

The American Rescue Plan supercharged our economic recovery by providing critical support to small businesses as they navigated the pandemic. It expanded the child tax credit, which helped families put food on the table and pay for childcare. It provided rent assistance so families could keep their housing.

Now, the bipartisan infrastructure law is creating millions of good-paying jobs while rebuilding our Nation's crumbling infrastructure and combating the climate crisis.

Through the American Rescue Plan and the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Democrats have delivered for the American people and created historic economic growth.

We have more important work to do. We must encourage the Senate to pass the voting rights protections that we in the House passed months ago that are critical to ensure that all citizens

can exercise their most precious right to vote.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue our important work, building back stronger and more equitably than ever before.

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RECOGNIZING TAYLORVILLE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my hometown Taylorville Junior High School's seventh grade girls' basketball team on their 2021 State championship win.

After a back and forth game, the score was tied at 16-16 with 4 seconds to go. The Tornadoes came out triumphant after Grace Rogers hit a clutch shot.

The seventh grade girls' basketball team ends their season with an overall record of 26-2. This team's hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship shine throughout our entire Taylorville community.

I give a big tip of the hat and personally congratulate my good friend and head coach, Doug Bowsher. I congratulate all the girls on this wonderful, championship team for their hard work and dedication, and I am excited to see what the future holds for this championship Taylorville Tornado team.

CONGRATULATING DAVID BROWN

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend David Brown for his retirement after more than 30 years at WAND in Decatur, Illinois.

David's ancestors moved from New Hampshire to Illinois in 1867 in a search for new farming opportunities. David is a centennial farmer, and his son is the sixth generation from his family to farm in central Illinois. After graduating from Millikin University, David also worked at WSOY radio.

David first joined the WAND news team as an ag reporter when the Farm Progress Show came to central Illinois in 1991. At WAND, many of his colleagues described him as a mentor, a friend, and one of the hardest workers they have come to know.

Throughout David's tenure at the station, he was loved by all and received an award for Media Excellence in Agriculture. According to David, he had the best of both worlds, working at his passion, and then getting to share the importance of agriculture with the viewers as a farmer and as an ag broadcaster.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate David on his retirement. It is well deserved. Now David has a little more time to spend with his four children and six grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING RAY AND BARBIE SWINDA

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Decatur residents Ray and Barbie Swinda and their Facebook page, Support Decatur IL Business.

Ray his wife, Barbie, have been using their Facebook page to show off local Decatur businesses and restaurants they have been enjoying, and encouraging others in the community to follow their lead in buying and eating local.

Ray and his wife started their page in response to larger chains harming the diversity of options for food and services in the Decatur area that Ray remembers existing as a kid. Many of the businesses that have been featured on their page have been shocked by the increase in traffic. Ray and Barbie have received responses from others in the community, including Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe herself, and have become local leaders simply through their work in promoting local businesses and restaurants.

I urge everybody, if you are traveling through Decatur, Illinois, and you want a good recommendation, go visit Ray and Barbie's Facebook page, and you will see some great plates of delicious food.

I also personally congratulate Ray and Barbie on the success of their Facebook page and thank them for being pillars of the community and encouraging so many others to invest in our local businesses.

CONGRATULATING THE GEORGIA BULLDOGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate as a proud alumnus of the recently crowned 2022 College Football National Champions, the Georgia Bulldogs.

Going 12-1 on the season, the Georgia Bulldogs came into Indianapolis to face the Alabama Crimson Tide.

In true heavyweight fashion, the grudge match opened as a hard-nosed defensive battle without one touchdown being scored in the first half of play.

The Dogs came out down in the second half and captained by head coach, Kirby Smart, Georgia was able to score the first touchdown to take the lead.

With a defense championed by the likes of Jordan Davis and Nakobe Dean, the Bulldogs managed to hold Alabama to one touchdown all game.

Quarterback Stetson Bennett, who by the way is from Blackshear in Pierce County in the First Congressional District of Georgia that I have the honor and privilege of representing, quarterback Stetson Bennett completed his Cinderella-story season, stepping up when it mattered most.

With an interception returned for a touchdown to seal the deal, the University of Georgia was victorious.

It has been four decades and some change since the University of Georgia brought a national title home to Athens, and I am so excited to see it finally happen.

I was especially excited to see several players from the First District, the aforementioned Stetson Bennett, Nolan Smith from Savannah, and Jack Podlesny from Glynn County help secure this amazing victory.

Congratulations to the Georgia Bulldogs. You will live in the hearts of Georgia fans forever. Athens is title town again. Go Dawgs.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CHARLEY TRIPPI

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the momentous 100th birthday of the Georgia Bulldog legend, Charley Trippi.

Charley is a fixture in Dawg Nation and the football community.

A member of both the college football and pro football Hall of Fame, Charley was a dual athlete at the University of Georgia, playing both baseball and football in 1942, 1945, and 1946.

While in college, Charley played half-back and quarterback and received the Maxwell Award given to the Nation's top all-around player.

Charley was also honored as a unanimous All-American SEC player of the year and as a two-time All-SEC player.

In 1942, Charley helped lead the Georgia Bulldogs to their first national championship.

Selected as the first pick in the first round by the Chicago Cardinals in the NFL draft, Charley continued to have an illustrious career in the pros.

The Cardinals organization inducted Charley into the Arizona Cardinals Ring of Honor following his time in the NFL.

We are so happy and excited that Charley has reached this milestone. Happy birthday, Charley.

CONGRATULATING THE BENEDICTINE CADETS
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Benedictine Cadets High School football team for winning the 2021 Georgia 4A State title.

Winning football games in Georgia, where the sport practically runs through our veins, is hard. But winning the State title requires exceptional grit, determination, and perseverance.

After the Benedictine Cadets suffered a loss in the 2020 State playoff semifinals, they entered the 2021 season with one goal: Winning a State title.

Benedictine has consistently exhibited drive, dedication, and the winner's mentality.

Head coach Danny Britt has tirelessly worked to lead this team to a State title, and their work has finally paid off.

The Georgia 4A State title included Division 1 talent on both sides and was a battle from the beginning. Winning by only a touchdown, it truly was a game for the ages.

We here in the First District of Georgia are so proud of the Benedictine Ca-

dets and all that they have accomplished and will accomplish.

Let's do it again next year.

OREGONIANS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BENTZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to S. 192, the so-called River Democracy Act.

This bill, contrary to what the title implies, has nothing to do with democracy.

Instead, it would, if passed, label some 4,700 miles of Oregon's rivers, creeks, and streams as "wild and scenic." A more appropriate phrase would be just waiting to be burned and ruined.

However, this is not your typical wild and scenic river bill. This bill would designate a mile-wide corridor running the length of every inch of those 4,700 miles of waterways as wild and scenic. This mile is double the half-mile-wide corridor normal for such designations. This means that under this act, 4,700 square miles—an area about the size of Connecticut—would be locked up and left to the high probability of burning up.

Many of the miles of streams, creeks, and gullies to which the bill would apply are within the 20 counties making up my district. Many of those miles run through Oregon's most important watersheds, which are absolutely essential to the life of my communities, particularly in times of drought. Given the damaging impact of such designations to activities necessary to protect these streams, it is no wonder this bill is deeply unpopular, something that has been made crystal clear to me by the overwhelming majority of my 62 county commissioners. They have serious and unanswered concerns about the dangers the act presents.

Chief among them is that this designation will prevent what needs to be done to protect these watersheds, placing them in a bureaucratic wasteland where it will take years, if not decades, to initiate and then complete plans which may or may not allow the treatment activities needed right now.

Also, a top-down approach to land management is wrong because it completely ignores the interests of well-informed local people, businesses, and stakeholders.

The approach the bill's sponsors used in developing this bill was seriously flawed because the river and stream nominations were solicited from various groups and the general public without any clear legal or scientific analysis to identify those rivers, streams, and creeks that would qualify as scenic. If a scientific or legal analysis exists, the sponsors should share it.

Additionally, the public deserves to know which special interest groups crafted the bill, provided the unofficial

maps of the streams affected, and conducted the outreach to the public.

It is absolutely clear, whatever the process was, that local stakeholders, elected officials, county commissioners, landowners, users, and experts should have been consulted, and they were not.

Let me explain why so many who truly want to protect our public lands are so outraged by this bill.

So far this year, over half a million acres of forests and other lands have burned up in my district. Last year it was even worse with over a million acres laid to waste by fire.

Inexplicably, the bill focuses upon only one method of protecting this 4,700-square-mile proposed area from fire, and that is by what are called "prescribed burns." I cannot emphasize how dangerous it is to prescribe prescribed burns in overgrown, densely packed, dry forests without thinning the forest first. Prescribed burning before thinning puts at extreme risk the very rivers and watersheds this designation is supposed to protect. It is like dropping a match in a tinderbox. It is impossible to contain these types of fires once they start.

The River Democracy Act, if passed, would threaten watersheds, homes, businesses, ranches, livestock, and most importantly, human lives.

The bill contains provisions throughout that leave the door wide open for frivolous litigation by far-left special interest groups, who have profited for years from lucrative sue-and-settle tactics.

The bill contains no explicit protections for the current multiple uses of the land, including sustainable timber harvests, hunting, grazing, fishing, and mining.

Regardless of legislative intent, the applicable agencies will have broad authorities to restrict these activities.

To date, no official maps have been provided. Oregonians need to have access to clear official maps to see just how much land is affected by this bill. I believe no further action should be taken with regard to this bill until the questions I have raised today and necessary maps are made available to the public so that Oregonians know exactly what this bill would do.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JANICE GALLAGHER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of an extraordinary person, Mrs. Janice Gallagher, who our community tragically lost.

Born in Philadelphia, Janice was a lifelong resident of Bensalem and was a proud graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School and Holy Family University.

Janice worked at her family's farm market, D-G's Farm Market, for over 30 years. Janice went on to own and operate her own market, J&M Deli and Produce for many more years. Janice spent the last 5 years, Mr. Speaker, working at the Bensalem Police Department, a phenomenal organization of tremendously courageous women and men where she was widely respected by our law enforcement community throughout Bucks County.

A longtime volunteer of St. Ephrem Catholic Church, Janice will always be remembered for her kind and giving spirit.

I send my deepest condolences to Janice's beloved husband of 45 years, District Judge Mike Gallagher, her son, her siblings, and all who knew and loved her. I know I speak for our entire community when I say that we are all grateful for Janice's contributions during her incredible 66 years of life on this planet.

Mr. Speaker, may the spirit of her generosity and service continue to inspire everybody in our community and everybody in this Chamber.

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NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and I rise in support of the more than 40 million men, women, and children, who are victims of this global tragedy.

Human trafficking is a \$150 billion criminal industry that exploits vulnerable individuals and strips them of their fundamental human rights.

Mr. Speaker, while this criminal conduct may seem a world away, it is very often taking place right in our own backyards. Human trafficking is reported in cities, suburbs, and rural areas in all 50 States in this Nation. Last year alone, the National Human Trafficking Hotline reported 221 cases of human trafficking in my home State of Pennsylvania and more than 10,000 cases nationwide.

These staggering and horrific numbers underscore the need for increased victim support services, education and awareness, and legislative advocacy surrounding human trafficking.

On this National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, let us renew our commitment to the global fight to end this abhorrent crime against humanity and redouble our efforts for the millions of survivors and their victims.

VOTING FALSEHOODS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere concern for the falsehoods Democrats are spreading across the country regarding Americans' ability to vote.

Over the last year, Democrats have repeatedly alleged that the 2020 elec-

tion was the most secure election in American history, bludgeoning any dissent or legitimate election integrity concerns as "the big lie."

Yet in the same breath, the left has also spent the last year championing an election reform bill, the so-called For the People Act, that aims to federalize our elections processes, ban voter ID, and fund incumbent campaigns with Americans' hard-earned tax dollars—in the name of improving election security.

In fact, the Senate Democrats are attempting to destroy 200 years of precedent by removing the filibuster to solidify Democrat control of elections, thinly veiled as election reform.

But why is it necessary for the Federal Government to take over our elections process—a role specifically designated to the States by our Founding Fathers—if that process is working soundly and securely?

You see, Democrats are willing to put political gains above morality in order to quench their ever-longing thirst for power. This is a perfect example of "the ends justify the means." And that is wrong.

It is really quite simple: Republicans want to make it easier to vote, but harder to cheat. We should all want that. But no, Democrats are tenaciously gearing up to destroy our Republic as we know it by making it easier to cheat.

Take my home State of Georgia. Today, the Vice President and the President will travel to Atlanta to spread more misinformation about voting rights as an attempt to pressure the Senate to eliminate the filibuster. Yet, Biden will conveniently leave several facts out of his remarks:

He will refuse to admit that before this year his home State of Delaware denied voters in-person early voting, and now only requires 10 days of early voting—less than Georgia's minimum of 17.

Why? Because this reality flies in the face of Biden's false narrative that our democracy is under attack by Republican efforts. This is more hypocrisy.

He will fail to mention that just last week, Georgia finally launched an investigation into alleged illegal ballot harvesting in the 2020 election.

Why? Because this truth does not support Biden's vilification of Republicans that raise concerns about the 2020 election.

He will ignore the fact that New York is attempting to grant more than 800,000 noncitizens the right to vote in municipal elections.

Why? Because Biden is willing to overlook illogical and dangerous solutions to obtain control over Americans' lives. Instead, he will comically claim that many Republican States, including Georgia, are attempting to disenfranchise Americans when in fact their State voting laws strengthen election integrity to ensure every solitary American has free, fair, and honest elections. One citizen, one vote.

I firmly reject Democrats' dangerous and deceptive ploy to centralize elections in Washington. It is wrong for Americans. It is wrong for election security. And it is wrong for the future of our Republic.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2022 College Football Playoff National Champions, my alma mater, the University of Georgia.

During a thrilling game last night, the Bulldogs defeated the University of Alabama 33 to 18. This exciting win marks the first time the University of Georgia will bring home the College Football Playoff national championship trophy to Athens and our second national championship trophy in the history of Georgia Collegiate Football. What a triumphant ending to an exceptional season.

Congratulations to the talented young men that put their all into the game, and to head coach, Kirby Smart, and the coaching staff for leading the Dawgs to a monumental win. May God bless the great State of Georgia as we now hail two champions from the 2021 season—the Atlanta Braves and the Georgia Bulldogs.

Go Dawgs. Soli Deo Gloria.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF RANDY POTTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, in life there are names that once spoken give rise to great emotion. The name "Randy Potter" is one of those names in our community.

Today, I recognize the life of one of Upstate New York's most colorful and original characters, Randy Potter. Simply mentioning Randy's name puts smiles on the faces of all who knew him. Seeing his crazy hair and fun attire always covered in campaign slogans and buttons put a smile on the faces of people who didn't know him.

Randy was a music aficionado and a diehard Grateful Dead fan who attended hundreds of concerts, and he will always be fondly remembered for his love of music. He also enjoyed sports, and it didn't matter which team was playing; as long as it was a New York team, Randy was always their biggest fan.

Perhaps most importantly to Randy, he was someone who cared a lot about our community and about politics and the importance of government, and our community depended on him to get the message out.

Sadly, Mr. Potter passed away quietly on the evening of December 23. A treasure trove of stories, jokes, and the smiles of many, many residents across

Upstate and Central New York will be remembered by our loss of Randy Potter. Today, we remember his life and the many moments of joy he shared throughout our community. May we all learn a lesson from his life and zest for sparking joy and laughter in those around him.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JOE FUSCO, JR.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tragic passing of one of my district's great public servants, the Honorable Joseph Fusco, Jr., the former mayor of Rome, New York.

Mayor Fusco was a dedicated public servant, who led an incredible life. He first served as Rome City councilman and then as the 42nd mayor of Rome from 2011 to 2015, a job he performed with integrity, passion, and determination.

Joe led by example. He was always a smiling face and a helping hand. He oversaw the completion of the Mohawk River Trail, and in what little spare time he had, would participate in volunteer work across the community. He also hosted a terrific charity motorcycle ride across our beautiful region, an event I always looked forward to participating in each year. His dedication to public service carries on through his son, Joseph, III, who became a Rome firefighter in 2007.

I have no doubt that Rome, New York, is a better place because of the legacy of Mayor Fusco and the legacy that he leaves behind. I also extend my deepest condolences to Mayor Fusco's family, as they are grieving deeply at this time. This includes his beloved wife and dear friend, Laurie, his son, Joe, and many grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by many. Again, his legacy will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING PRISCILLA "PEEP" WILLIAMS FOR HER ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Priscilla, also known as Peep, Williams, a standout athlete and student from New York's 22nd District.

As an 8th grader in 2017, Peep was named to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Lacrosse Girls National Middle School Team. From there, the honors just keep pouring in.

As a freshman in the spring of 2019, Peep stormed into the Seton Academy lacrosse scene, breaking the school's individual scoring record that was previously held by Seton's first Naval Academy appointee, who also happened to be her big sister, Maddie, who I had the distinguished honor of recommending an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Peep is a 2021 USA Lacrosse Academic All-American and a member of the U-18 National Team. In this year's off season, Peep also won the New York State Sectional Tennis Championship. Ms. Williams recently signed her letter of intent to travel nearly 3,000 miles from home where she will play for an institution with a standard of excellence in both athletics and academics, the Stanford Cardinals.

Please join me in congratulating Peep and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors and know she will continue to represent our community with grace and determination. I wish the best to her parents, wonderful members of our community as well.

RECOGNIZING DR. HAROLD BLACK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend, Dr. Harold Black. The University of Georgia, his alma mater, recently announced it will name a new residence hall in his honor.

He was the first Black student to enroll in the university's Terry College of Business, graduating with a bachelor of business administration in economics. He completed his education by earning his master of the arts and Ph.D. in economics from Ohio State University.

Dr. Black then led an accomplished career working for financial institutions. He served as Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Research and Analysis in the United States Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Director and Chairman of the Nashville branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and consulted for several major banking corporations.

Dr. Black later used his public and private sector experience to teach finance in the higher education system. Following tenures at several universities, Dr. Black eventually settled at my alma mater, the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Dr. Black shared his knowledge with students in the Haslam College of Business for 24 years until his retirement in 2011. Throughout his career, Dr. Black published his financial research in outlets like the American Economic Review, the Journal of Banking and Finance, and the Journal of Monetary Economics. He received many awards for his teaching and research. Dr. Black continues to write, publishing a weekly column in my favorite newspaper, the Knoxville Focus.

Congratulations on your recent recognition from the University of Georgia, Dr. Black. Our community is proud of your achievements, and I for one enjoy reading your views on economics, and for making it so even a person of my intelligence level can understand what you are saying. I really appreciate it.

HONORING PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS CHRIS AL-BRETT

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Petty Officer Second Class Chris Al-Brett as Tennessee's Second District's Veteran of the Month.

Chris enrolled in avionics school at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Millington, Tennessee, in 1969. Later that year, he reported to Attack Squadron 174 based at Naval Air Sta-

tion Cecil Field, which defended the beaches of Northeast Florida against a potential communist invasion.

He worked on an A-7 Corsair 2 Light Attack Bomber. Chris later transferred to Attack Squadron 176 in Virginia. In 1972, he embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin Delano Roosevelt for a mission in the Mediterranean Sea. After serving overseas, Chris was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1974.

In 2015, Chris joined the Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He became the chapter's public information officer, and the chapter received the Vietnam Veterans of America's 2017 Chapter of the Year award thanks in part to his leadership.

In December 2020, Chris joined the United Veterans Council of East Tennessee's Board of Directors as its public information officer. He was recently elected as the board's president, a position he will assume this year.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Chris for his service to our country and to his fellow veterans. I wish him the very best at the start of his new position.

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COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, today is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and I rise to bring attention to the horrific increase in human trafficking and online sexual exploitation.

Since the pandemic began, trafficking and sexual exploitation have skyrocketed in my own home State of Missouri and across the United States of America and the world.

I have made it a priority to support survivors and hold websites accountable for facilitating sex trafficking.

I am proud to be one Member of Congress in over 20 years to successfully amend section 230 of the Communications Decency Act with my bill, the Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, or FOSTA.

In the coming weeks, Mr. Speaker, I will introduce multiple pieces of legislation to combat human trafficking, child sexual exploitation, and online sexual exploitation.

We must come together to eliminate this barbaric trade.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 16 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Great and wonderful God, Your knowledge is too wonderful for us. Yet, You have put at our disposal minds that You Yourself designed and the wisdom of the centuries.

May we be responsible stewards of these grace gifts.

Your Spirit abides with us wherever we go. We cannot flee from You. Whether we explore the skies or reside in our innermost thoughts, You are there.

May we find ourselves this day to be of Your enduring presence.

If we travel to far-flung places or find ourselves far from our own homes, wherever we are, distance means nothing to You. Your hand offers guidance, Your word direction.

May we take heed of how You are steering our lives.

And when we are lost in the darkness of decision, when night falls on our hope for agreement and mutual accord, cause our night to shine like the day.

Relieve our darkness with the light of Your truth.

In Your gracious and merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 450. An act to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley.

S. 3451. An act to include certain computer-related projects in the Federal permitting program under title XLI of the FAST Act, and for other purposes.

THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, last week a fire in Philadelphia killed 12 people, including 8 children. While our city mourned, just days later, a fire in New York killed 17, including 8 children.

These two events have at least three things in common: a high loss of life, an extraordinary number of children killed, all in public housing overcrowded with families who cannot afford to move.

Too many families are in this position because of our Nation's housing crisis. We say we need affordable housing, so let me speak plainly. We need more housing, affordable public and private housing, that families with low income can actually afford.

In the Philadelphia area, there are tens of thousands of people on waiting lists that are nearly a decade closed or years long.

We in Congress have a role to play. In the Build Back Better Act is \$150 billion to repair and restore existing housing and to build more public and affordable private housing. That will be a powerful start.

As the Senate stalls, more families are in danger. It is time this House, and their house, helps others find theirs.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TROOPER JOHN HORTON

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Trooper John Horton of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. On January 3, he passed away in a tragic accident in the line of duty. He was a 15-year veteran of the unit and was assigned to Rutherford County.

His two younger siblings, James and Joe, served alongside him at one point in the Highway Patrol. They were the first and only trio of siblings to ever work simultaneously in the Highway Patrol in North Carolina's history.

My prayers go out to Trooper Horton's family, his wife, and six children. May his memory and service to his community serve as an inspiration for future generations of law enforcement officers to come.

KEEPING HOMES SAFE AND WARM

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, temperatures this week in Buffalo and western New York are in single digits.

My community has some of the oldest housing stock in the country. Keeping these homes safe and warm is expensive. Failing to do so can be life threatening.

This year, Congress approved \$876 million in additional Home Energy Assistance Program funding for seniors and families in New York to afford energy. The infrastructure bill goes further, providing a historic \$3.5 billion nationwide for weatherization. This funding means that old houses will better withstand extreme weather as well as supporting green energy jobs.

But we can't stop there. We must do more. This Congress must enact the renewable energy provisions in Build Back Better so entire neighborhoods in my community can be retrofitted for long-term resilience. I urge the Senate to enact these provisions now.

HONORING AGNES TURK'S 108TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Agnes Turk, a constituent from the great Eighth District of Minnesota, who is celebrating her 108th birthday this week.

Born in Pennsylvania, Agnes soon after moved to the Twin Ports area and has lived there ever since.

As a young woman, Agnes valued her education so much that she walked 2 miles to school every day, rain or snow. She later went to business school, showing the spirit of hard work instilled in her.

Since the 1930s, Agnes has lived a beautiful life in Duluth, Minnesota, where she and her husband, John, raised three boys.

While John worked for U.S. Steel and the family operated a theater and an oil service station together, they happily lived out their American Dream.

Additionally, Agnes is a dedicated mother; a patriotic citizen, who has never missed voting in an election; and a faithful churchgoer.

She has touched the lives of so many people in the Northland, and her impact on Duluth will always be remembered.

I am proud to wish my good friend Agnes a happy 108th birthday and another year of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ODELL BARRY

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and adviser, a gentleman named Odell Barry of Northglenn, Colorado, who passed away on January 3, 2022.

Born on October 10, 1941, in Memphis, Tennessee, Berry spent most of his childhood in Toledo, Ohio. In 1964, the Denver Broncos took him out of the University of Findlay in the 19th round of the American Football League draft. Barry, a very talented and standout sprinter, opted for pro football over a chance to join the U.S. Olympic team, and he played a couple of seasons with the Broncos.

Once his football career concluded, Barry began his career in public and community service, first as the City of Northglenn recreation director and then as the owner of Colorado's first full-service Dairy Queen in the early 1970s. From 1972 to '79, Barry served on the Northglenn City Council and then he became mayor. Along the way, he took pride in organizing the Multiple Sclerosis Dinner of Champions for many years and running Northglenn's football camp. Other highlights include his membership in the Colorado Baseball Commission in the early 1990s, which helped pave the way for the Rockies.

Barry was a devoted husband to Glenda, a loving father of two, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren. I am deeply grateful for his lifetime of service to our community and the great State of Colorado, and I personally will miss him.

RECOGNIZING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, January 13 is Korean American Day, a day to recognize the countless contributions of Korean Americans and celebrate the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903.

As one of the first Korean-American women to ever serve in Congress, this day is very special to me. I was just 19 years old when I came to America, and I achieved what I never thought was possible, to serve this country as a Member of Congress.

So many Korean-Americans like me came to this country with the hope of achieving their own American Dream. We must work together to inspire and support the next generation of Korean-American leaders.

Today, we celebrate the vibrant community of Korean-Americans in the United States and all that they have worked to achieve.

Happy Korean American Day.

NEED FOR EXPANDED COVID-19 TESTING

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss the surge in the coronavirus cases that Americans are struggling

with. Part of that is the access to COVID tests. Many are waiting in long lines to get PCR tests and 2 to 3 days to receive their results. We should and can do better.

Households cannot find rapid tests in stores and wait weeks in line for online orders.

In Fresno County, which I represent, the demand for testing has increased 30 percent in the last several weeks.

We must expand testing. I call on the administration to prioritize our testing systems. Access to testing and timely results are critical to determine if someone is infected with COVID-19 and enables them to take steps to avoid spreading it to others. It is that simple.

It is vital that every American has access to the rapid test at no cost. It is critical for our economic recovery.

At this stage, no one should have to wait long hours or pay a single dime for same-day results. We can and we should do better.

We are not out of the woods yet. We can end this pandemic through robust testing and getting vaccinated. That is what we must do.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY HAYNES

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of former Peoria City Clerk Mary Haynes, who passed away at the end of 2021. Mary Haynes represented the best of Peoria.

In 1985, Mary was elected as the first woman Peoria city clerk. For over 25 years, she made local government work better. Being the city clerk was a passion of Mary's, and she was beloved by her colleagues. She ensured transparency in city government and worked to educate other city clerks throughout Illinois.

One of her most satisfying roles during her time as clerk was heading up the Rediscovering City Hall project, which restored Peoria City Hall to its monument form.

Above all, Mary was a devoted mother and grandmother and one of the kindest people you could meet. She was a friend to everyone who knew her, and her presence will be missed dearly in Peoria.

My prayers are with Mary's children, grandchildren, and loved ones. May she rest in peace.

SURGING INFLATION DEVASTATES FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Friday, I com-

pleted an annual districtwide legislative agenda media tour. The issue of greatest concern was inflation affecting everyday people and gas up 61 percent.

Bidenflation has surged to a 40-year high. It is clear that \$4.5 trillion spending bills devastate pocketbooks. Even a recent analysis from the Federal Reserve of San Francisco agrees that the relief package has impacted inflation.

Sadly, only 17 percent of workers have received raises that have kept up with inflation, according to the Democrat New York Times.

The Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone and think Democrat voters and Democrat media are ignorant to believe that trillion-dollar spending bills cost zero dollars.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism, as it continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

Congratulations to Congressman MIKE WALTZ and Dr. Julia Nesheiwat on the birth on January 7 of Arman "Armie" Waltz.

HONORING DUBUQUE POLICE CHIEF MARK DALSING UPON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mrs. HINSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize retired Dubuque Police Chief Mark Dalsing. He retired after 32 years of service to the city of Dubuque, Iowa.

Chief Dalsing is an absolute pillar in the community of Dubuque because of his devotion to protecting his community. He built a phenomenal legacy of successfully incorporating community engagement into law enforcement.

While serving as Dubuque's police chief, he instilled a passion for public service into his team of officers, bringing community engagement to the forefront of their work.

Chief Dalsing's years of service are a testament to the love that he has for his fellow Iowans and the compassion he led with.

I wish Chief Mark Dalsing and his family all the best in this exciting new chapter of life and thank him for his selfless service and dedication to the city of Dubuque for the past three decades.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF SHERIFF SYDNEY "DUKE" SCHIRARD

(Mrs. BOEBERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and remember the life of Sheriff Sydney "Duke" Schirard, the longest serving sheriff of La Plata County, Colorado.

His lifetime of public service included time as a soldier in the Army,

as a Durango police officer, as the Bayfield marshal, as a deputy in the sheriff's office, and finally as the La Plata County sheriff for 20 years.

Sheriff Schirard fought the good fight, and he finished his race well. His watch may be over, but the community he protected will forever be better because of his efforts day in and day out.

While others ran away from danger, he ran toward it and woke up with courage each and every day to serve and protect his community. He strove to create peace, for "blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

I grieve with the people of La Plata County and with Sheriff Schirard's family—his two sons, four stepchildren, and three grandchildren—and with his extended family in the La Plata County Sheriff's Office who were positively impacted by Sheriff Schirard's exemplary life of service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MENTORSHIP MONTH

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus, I rise to recognize National Mentoring Month, a time to celebrate the impact of mentoring and raise awareness about the critical need for caring adults to become mentors, as our youth face the often-overwhelming challenges of our time.

One-third of young people in the United States don't have a meaningful connection with adults outside their homes, and the pandemic has only made it harder for them to call on caring adults for support.

Mentoring has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my adult life, allowing me to participate in the personal and professional growth of scores of young people. I am fortunate to be able to continue that mentoring with some of the best and brightest young people in my district through our Congressional Youth Cabinet, where high school juniors and seniors in my district, on a monthly basis, explore the policy and government issues facing our community and our country.

I urge all adults to think about how they can serve their communities and the next generation by becoming a mentor, whether through sports, career exploration, school, or faith-based programs.

ADDRESSING PRESIDENT BIDEN'S COVID CRISIS

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the devastating impacts on American lives and business because of Biden's lack of preparedness in handling COVID-19.

The disruptive testing shortages and record-breaking number of cases are a direct result of Biden's failed leadership.

In the spring, the administration ignored a request from a health agency to purchase millions of rapid tests and then rejected a proposal for free rapid tests for the holidays back in October.

To solve this self-inflicted shortage, this administration's new plan will require private insurers to cover the cost of tests instead of using the nearly half a trillion dollars from the COVID relief bill passed last March.

Madam Speaker, Biden has failed to deliver on his promises to the American people. He said he would shut down COVID-19 and that all Americans would have access to regular, reliable, and free testing. Sadly, that couldn't be further from the truth.

CAITLIN CLARK SETS NEW RECORD

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a record-setting student-athlete at the University of Iowa.

On January 2, sophomore guard Caitlin Clark became the fastest player in Big Ten history to reach 1,000 career points. She accomplished this in just 40 games, passing the previous record holder from Ohio State.

Reaching this mark against Evansville University, Caitlin put up a career-high 44 points in the 93-56 win for the Hawkeyes.

A lifelong Iowan, Caitlin was named a high school All-American before coming to Iowa City and earning numerous accolades as a freshman, including Big Ten Freshman of the Year, First Team All-Big Ten, National Freshman of the Year, and First Team All-American honors.

Congratulations to Caitlin. I look forward to watching her continue to dominate for the next 2 years. Go Iowa, and Go Hawkeyes.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S FAILURES CAUSE SUFFERING

(Mr. CARL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, I am a firm believer that when the President of the United States does well, be it Republican or Democrat, we as America benefit the most. Unfortunately, President Biden's performance during his first year in office has been absolutely terrible, and virtually all Americans are suffering because of his failures.

There is so much about this President that actually frustrates me. He left behind Americans in Afghanistan, and he has completely refused to secure our southern border. Meanwhile,

he is punishing hardworking Americans by imposing illegal vaccine mandates on them.

All across America, businesses are struggling to keep their doors open and their shelves stocked, but President Biden has done nothing to fix these issues.

I am urging President Biden to show up and work on leadership for a change. The American people deserve much, much more and much better than what they are receiving today.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ALLOWS BORDER VIOLATIONS

(Mr. PALAZZO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remind the American people that our national security is still under attack at the U.S.-Mexico border. The violation of our borders has been allowed to happen and is even facilitated by the Biden administration for nearly a year.

Since Joe Biden took office, over 1.7 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the southern border. What is worse, Joe is flying these individuals deeper into our Nation with a ticket you paid for.

Because of President Biden's failed open border policies, more drugs have been smuggled into our neighborhoods than ever before. CBP estimates that nearly 1,200 pounds of fentanyl were apprehended last year alone, doubling from the prior year.

Fentanyl flowing through Joe's open border has caused unthinkable harm by poisoning our communities and killing our children.

The Biden administration's failure has had costly consequences. Cartels are profiting while Americans are paying with their tax dollars, safety, and lives.

Border security is national security. It is time to stop risking the safety of innocents for the sake of politics. This crisis has gone on long enough. Americans deserve better. They deserve a closed border, and they deserve to be safe.

PREVENTING CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

(Mr. MOORE of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss an important issue in Alabama and across the Nation. Chronic wasting disease is a neurological disease that affects deer, moose, and elk, and it is 100 percent fatal. Unfortunately, there is no known cure. CWD could absolutely devastate deer hunting in Alabama and the revenue it brings in each year.

I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 5608, the Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act, which passed the House of Representatives last month.

This bill will help research and prevent chronic wasting disease from spreading further, protecting Alabama's deer herds, outdoor economy, and traditions.

Last week, the first case of CWD was reported in Alabama. While there is currently only one case, it is important that we do what we can to prevent this terrible disease from spreading even further. I am hopeful the Senate will answer the call and take up this legislation so important to Alabama and our Nation.

I will do whatever I can in Washington to help prevent CWD from taking hold in Alabama.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1836, GUARD AND RESERVE GI BILL PARITY ACT OF 2021; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4673, ENSURING VETERANS' SMOOTH TRANSITION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 860 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 860

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1836) to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the time during which members of the Armed Forces serve on active duty for training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-25 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs or their respective designees; (2) the further amendments described in section 2 of this resolution; and (3) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. After debate pursuant to the first section of this resolution, each further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules are waived.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the

bill (H.R. 4673) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the automatic enrollment of eligible veterans in patient enrollment system of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-26 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs or their respective designees; (2) the further amendments described in section 4 of this resolution; (3) the amendments en bloc described in section 5 of this resolution; and (4) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. After debate pursuant to section 3 of this resolution, each further amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 5 of this resolution shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

SEC. 5. It shall be in order at any time after debate pursuant to section 3 of this resolution for the chair of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

SEC. 6. All points of order against the further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in section 5 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 7. House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021 (as most recently amended by House Resolution 829, agreed to December 2, 2021), is amended by striking January 21, 2022" each place it appears and inserting (in each instance) "February 4, 2022".

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. HAYES). The gentleman from Colorado is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER) pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Mem-

bers be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, yesterday the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 860. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1836, the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act under a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, makes in order two amendments, and provides one motion to recommit.

The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4673, the EVEST Act, under a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The rule also makes in order five amendments, provides the chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs with en bloc authority, and provides one motion to recommit.

Finally, the rule provides for recess instructions, suspension authority, and same-day authority through February 4, 2022.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased we are here today to provide for consideration of two important bills to support our Nation's veterans.

H.R. 1836, the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act will make important improvements to the way GI Bill benefits are calculated for our National Guard and Reserve veterans. Since 9/11, our seven individual Reserve and Guard components of the United States Armed Forces have played a larger and larger role in military operations. Despite putting on the same uniform and taking on many of the same risks as their Active Duty counterparts, these servicemembers don't have access to the same benefits.

Under current law, active component servicemembers receive credit for every day they serve while reserve component and National Guard servicemembers earn credit depending on their duty status. H.R. 1836 would expand eligibility for the GI Bill to count every day a servicemember is paid and in uniform toward benefit eligibility and ensure parity for National Guard and Reserve members. It only makes common sense. This service would include all training and general duty for which basic pay is warranted.

These men and women answer the call to serve without hesitation. Our National Guard has stepped up these last several years to assist in the fight against COVID-19, help communities affected by natural disasters, as in Colorado, we had a terrible wildfire a week ago and the National Guard stepped up, and even protecting our Capitol following a domestic terrorist attack. It is past time these servicemembers have access to the GI benefits they deserve.

I commend Congressman MIKE LEVIN for sponsoring this legislation to provide parity, and I am proud to support this bipartisan bill.

The rule also provides for consideration of H.R. 4673, the EVEST Act, to improve healthcare benefits for departing Active Duty servicemembers as they transition into VA healthcare and civilian life, again, something that is just common sense and I thought was already part of the law.

Approximately 200,000 servicemembers transition out of military service each year. This service is difficult, demanding, and dangerous, and the transition from military to civilian life can be challenging for servicemembers who suffered a service-related injury or a traumatic experience. A recent survey of 10,000 veterans showed their chief concern in their first year after leaving the military is their health and their mental well-being.

At this moment, veterans eligible for VA healthcare must choose to enroll in the VA's healthcare system using its online, phone, or in-person services. However, veterans are often confused regarding their eligibility status for enrollment despite all veterans being eligible for VA healthcare benefits for 5 years after separation from the military.

A 2014 study found symptoms of PTSD can be significantly improved if veterans receive prompt mental healthcare, and for each year a veteran waited to initiate treatment, there was a 5 percent increase in the odds of their PTSD not improving or even worsening. Simply put, our veterans cannot afford to not get the healthcare they need and deserve.

The EVEST Act requires the VA to enroll veterans in its patient enrollment system within 60 days of receiving relevant information and notice from the Department of Defense. This bill uses existing DOD systems through the Transition Assistance Program as well as VA's existing patient enrollment system to enable a warm handoff from DOD to VA. The bill would require the VA to provide veterans notice of enrollment and instructions for how the veteran can opt out if they so wish.

Smoother access to VA healthcare has never been more important than it is today. It is time to shift the burden from the veteran to the DOD and the VA where it belongs.

I thank Chairman TAKANO for introducing this commonsense legislation to improve the health of our recently separated veterans, and I also recognize the gentleman from Pennsylvania for his service to the country as part of our military.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank my good friend from Colorado for his kind words and also for yielding me the customary 30 minutes.

Madam Speaker, before I get into debate, I do want to talk about my good

friend from Colorado. I know that he may be moving on in some months. I want to say I truly am looking forward to working with my good friend for the next few months. He is a gentleman and a good friend both on and off the floor.

Madam Speaker, the rule before us today makes in order two pieces of legislation, H.R. 1836, the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2020 and also H.R. 4673, the EVEST Act.

As a former Navy JAG, I am deeply committed to supporting the military men and women who make sacrifices every day to protect our freedoms, both at home and abroad.

And that is why I am incredibly disappointed that neither of these measures received a legislative hearing in the House Veterans' Affairs Committee this Congress.

Without input from the VA, VSOs, and other stakeholders, it is absolutely unclear the impact these bills would actually have, let alone whether these are actually workable bills.

Take for example H.R. 1836. Republicans agree that we must address the benefit and equity for our National Guardsmen and simplify the law so that any time spent on Active Duty for service other than training would count towards GI Bill eligibility. But unfortunately, the broad expansion of benefits in H.R. 1836 could have very real impacts on retention in both the Reserves and Active Duty.

Additionally, it would be helpful to hear from VSOs and other stakeholders about the impact that increased interest fees would have on veterans' access to housing. This is a real problem, and I don't think we have properly addressed it or debated it.

These are issues that could have been explored. They could have been explored during a legislative hearing. They could have been explored to ensure a final product that meets the needs of our guardsmen and our veterans.

At the same time, while I agree that we must support transitioning servicemembers and we must do it by connecting them with VA hospital care and medical services, this has been an incomplete legislative process that makes H.R. 4673 completely problematic.

According to the VA 2022 Budget documents, 9.2 million veterans are enrolled for care and medical services while 7.1 million veterans actually receive treatment at VA or community care facilities. So given that the budgets are determined by historical enrollment versus actual utilization, increasing enrollment without understanding the impact on the VA healthcare system could create an imbalance between the budgetary needs and what reality will show. It would also be helpful to understand H.R. 4673's potential impacts on access to care for current veterans and the ability of VA staff and facilities to handle the influx of the new enrollees.

To that end, last Congress we passed the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019. This required the VA to submit a strategic plan to provide a healthcare plan to any veteran during the 1-year period following their discharge or release from Active Duty service. This strategic plan is currently expected to be released early in 2022. So it would make a lot more sense to wait until we receive the strategic plan before we move forward with a legislative solution.

Again, Madam Speaker, these are issues that could have been discussed at a legislative hearing. These issues could have helped ensure a veteran-focused approach to enrollment eligibility for VA healthcare. Instead, the majority is moving forward without a true understanding of the real-world impacts of these measures. I, therefore, urge my colleagues to oppose this rule.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I would say in response to my friend, this is a situation in the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act where the National Guard and the Reserves are standing side-by-side with active military, and they are entitled to the same benefits that the active military has when it comes to the GI Bill. So that one, in my opinion, is a no-brainer.

The other, and I would say, the VSOs, the veteran service organizations supporting the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act, H.R. 1836, are Student Veterans of America, National Guard Association of the U.S., Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, and the Reserve Officers Association of the U.S.

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With respect so the EVEST legislation, H.R. 4637, again, here we are, people have acted with military service and then have to opt in as opposed to just let the system move quickly for them to become part of the veterans medical care and benefits system. And we have a number of different organizations that support that.

VSOs supporting that are the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Disabled American Veterans, the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans Healthcare Policy Institute.

Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ROSS), a distinguished member of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I thank my esteemed colleague, Congressman PERLMUTTER, for yielding.

Madam Speaker, the bills included in this rule serve as an expression of gratitude for all veterans, regardless of their official service status.

My State of North Carolina alone has nearly 12,000 National Guard members, each of whom deserves to be recognized

for their sacrifice on behalf of our Nation.

Reservists and National Guard members take on challenging, admirable, and oftentimes lifesaving work, especially throughout the COVID-19 crisis. We owe it to these exceptional Americans to provide gold-standard education benefits, medical care, and mental health support.

A critical inflection point in all veterans' lives is their transition to civilian life. We know that during this period, veterans disproportionately face mental health crises. That is why in partnership with Congresswoman GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Congressman BOWMAN, Congresswoman MOORE, I have offered an amendment to H.R. 1836 that takes proactive steps to offer support.

Our amendment requires the VA to provide new veterans with information on the medical services they can access, including the mental health care and military sexual trauma resources to which they are entitled.

My father served as a psychiatrist in the Air Force during the Vietnam era, a particularly challenging time for our veterans. He witnessed firsthand the need for mental health care among this population.

In addition, one of the issues—military sexual trauma, leaving veterans with scars, both physical and psychological—is affected by this legislation. I have introduced other legislation on this issue and I am committed to helping veterans who have experienced this trauma access support.

Veterans can't benefit from VA services unless they know about them. Unfortunately, many veterans lack information of the full range of resources available. Our amendment will raise awareness among transitioning veterans about VA services and the care they deserve.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the amendment, the rule, and the underlying bill.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, during my opening statement, I referenced the strategic plan that the VA is undertaking that we are supposed to get in early 2022. And the reason for that is we typically need data before we legislate, but we do have data on another topic, and that is the damage that our children are facing by being kept out of school.

Madam Speaker, we have nearly 2 full years of data that show that keeping kids out of classrooms has caused massive learning loss, a mental health epidemic, particularly among our youth, and stressful situations for millions of families. Recently, children in Chicago have been forced to endure virtual hearings after the Chicago Teachers Union refused to do their jobs and show up for in-person classes.

House Republicans believe schools should be open and that our children come first. In some municipalities, bowling alleys have opened before our schools. It is shameful.

Madam Speaker, that is why if we defeat the previous question, I will personally

offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 682, the Reopen Schools Act.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD, along with any extraneous material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. HINSON), my good friend, the legislation's author, here to explain the amendment.

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding.

Madam Speaker, our amendment would ensure that students are no longer kept out of the classroom and forced to learn from behind a screen. It would ensure that parents are able to return to the workplace. It would help combat the ongoing youth mental health crisis spurred by school closures.

Madam Speaker, my bill, the Reopen Schools Act, would condition Federal COVID grants to schools on those schools actually being open and operating in the first place, which is what that money was intended to do.

I am proud that my home State of Iowa—and I am thankful to our Governor, Kim Reynolds—for ensuring that Iowa students could go back to school. In Iowa, kids have been back in the classroom, where they belong, for over a year. They get to socialize with their peers and they get hands-on learning help from their teachers. They get to run and jump at recess. They get to raise their hands to ask and answer questions instead of clicking a button from behind a screen. They get to write on white boards during their lessons.

Unfortunately, this is not the case in the rest of the country. So many students are still trapped behind screens. And what about the students who don't have regular computer and broadband internet access? What about students in households without computers or even households with only one computer where mom and dad are maybe trying to use it for work.

Virtual learning means we are leaving behind our most vulnerable students, our rural students, our students with additional learning challenges, and even kids who have every virtual advantage are struggling. Families are struggling. Working parents are challenged like never before, and American kids are suffering and paying the price for it.

As a mom, I have personally felt this pressure, and I know many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle know what it is like to have kids trying to learn at home while you are trying to work at the same time. So this is not a partisan issue. This is about our kids. This is about supporting working families. Kids need to be in school.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in defeating the previous question so we can reopen schools and prevent taxpayer dollars from keeping kids at home.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the comments of Mr. RESCHENTHALER and Mrs. HINSON about schools. But this, in a word, is the Congress of the United States. This is not the Des Moines school board or the Punxsutawney school board where they may have individual respective issues for their area.

Madam Speaker, my wife is a teacher—as you are—and in Jefferson County, Colorado, the schools are open.

Now, are people getting sick? Is there a lot of pressure on teachers? You bet there is. But those schools are open.

So I appreciate the comments of my friends about wanting to open the schools in Chicago or maybe wanting to open them someplace else, but they are open. And so I am not exactly sure what they are railing against other than maybe the school board of Chicago or the school board of Des Moines.

Madam Speaker, I yield three minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, spoken like my good friend from Colorado, Mr. PERLMUTTER—who I really insist that he remain in this body for his astuteness and his way of analyzing—might I just take a quick moment to say that the schools of America are open. But today, the hospitalization rate for omicron is the highest ever since we have had COVID-19.

And so I believe that school superintendents, teachers, parents, and others—like Madam Speaker—are making decisions for our children to be in school but also to be safe.

Madam Speaker, I move on these two very important legislative initiatives, H.R. 1836 and H.R. 4673. I thank the gentleman from Colorado. I thank my good friend who has served in the United States military from Pennsylvania. I thank him for his service as well.

Madam Speaker, I rise enthusiastically on this legislation for a number of reasons, but more importantly, I have worked extensively with the Guard, particularly the Texas National Guard. We in Texas can sometimes be called disaster alley as it relates to hurricanes and tornadoes, as it relates to COVID-19. And alongside of us on those battles, if you will, saving lives have been the National Guard. We are grateful for their service. They are citizen soldiers.

I think we don't acknowledge that what the Guard is is individuals who put on the uniform, leaving being a bus driver or a teacher or a mechanic, lawyer or doctor; and in doing so, they sacrifice and leave their families. So I am excited about H.R. 1836 by Mr. LEVIN because right now in terms of education, it is Active Duty, those individuals in active military service, including full-time training and annual

training. But H.R. 1836 will expand the eligibility criteria to include those training in full-time National Guard duty. They are on the front lines.

In my hospital during COVID-19, it was the Guard that came as nurses and support systems when we were literally overwhelmed with patients. It is the Guard that is coming back again to be able to help us now that we are also at the peak. Texas Children's Hospital seeing more sick COVID-19-impacted children in their history, the Guard is vital.

And I would just say that this is not about data. It is about the lives of our Guard. And I want to move to say how important it is to get our young soldiers on to the healthcare system under the bill of Mr. TAKANO as quickly as they come out. It is not about data, it is about saving lives.

And that leads me to Governor Abbott's untimely and wrong policies in Texas. I will be seeking an official investigation from the department in Washington, the Secretary of Defense and the Pentagon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, the issue is very clear. In his wrong-headed dispatching of our guard to the border—of course, this is a Federal responsibility, the southern border—we now have documented crises, guards committing suicide, guards not getting their paychecks, and guards having their education tuition slashed. Yes, that is what is happening in the State of Texas.

Madam Speaker, I am a fighter for the Guard. They have worked without ceasing and question. And I demand that this Congress, this Committee on Armed Services, the Pentagon, investigate when the commander of a particular State abuses those individuals who have put on the uniform as citizen soldiers and who are in desperate need of our help.

Suicide? Not getting your paychecks timely because you are dispatching people to the border without order and without understanding?

Madam Speaker, I support this legislation, but I am calling upon my colleagues to help me, help these young soldiers with family members who, at this point as we stand here, are not getting the kind of treatment equating to their dignity, their service, and their sacrifice.

Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in support of the Rule for House consideration of H.R. 1836, Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act, and H.R. 4673, EVEST Act.

I thank Rules Committee Chairman MCGOVERN for shepherding this legislation to the floor.

I also thank House Veterans Committee Chair MARK TAKANO, for his stewardship of the committee and unwavering commitment to our nation's veterans.

H.R. 1836, the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act will expand eligibility criteria for certain education benefits.

Current law defines the term "active duty" as those individuals who are on full-time duty in the active military service of the United States, including full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned.

H.R. 1836, will expand eligibility criteria to include those training in fulltime National Guard duty, which includes the National Guard, the Army National Guard, and the Air National Guard, as well as those same members when performing active duty.

H.R. 4673, the EVEST Act, would forward the goal of seamless enrollment in health care coverage.

Specifically, this bill will require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to automatically enroll new veterans into VA health care, and notify veterans of their enrollment and instructions on how to un-enroll, if desired.

I rise today to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and bore true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed serviceman and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Today's Rule includes a very important bill that provides for our nation's reservists, H.R. 1836, Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act. When it is signed into law it will repair a disparity issue by placing the Guard and Reserve on equal footing with regards to GI bill benefits.

This Rule, in which we further the benefits and recognition that our veterans deserve, also reminds us that we have an overriding duty to protect the health and dignity of those service today.

For this reason, I would like to discuss the actions of the Texas Governor, because he is taking whatever steps he can to prevent local jurisdictions and municipalities in Texas from promulgating and enforcing any mandate that may be necessary to respond to and mitigate the substantial threat posed by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

It is no exaggeration to say that Executive Orders issued by the Texas Governor have consigned thousands of Texans to needless death and suffering.

According to virtually all public health experts, these deaths and suffering could be alleviated by taking the simple but life-saving precautions of getting a vaccination shot, wearing a protective face covering, and maintaining recommended social distancing.

To date, the COVID-19 virus has afflicted more than 35.3 million persons in the United States and more than 5.09 million Texas.

In Harris County alone, the number is approaching 753,000 cases and already 9,821 persons have died of the virus, which represents more than 10 percent of the 76,839 Texas lives claimed by this lethal disease.

To exacerbate matters, in March 2021, the Texas Governor launched the ill-fated and ineffective Operation Lone Star which he

claimed was necessary to stem a so-called invasion of migrants at Texas' southern border.

As of November 2021, more than 10,000 Texas National Guardsmen have been deployed to the southern border in pursuit of this folly.

According to published media accounts, National Guard members who have been activated for Operation Lone Star are experiencing habitual pay delays and poor working conditions during the border mission, including being exposed to COVID-19, and many are missing the equipment necessary for safety and mission success.

Finally, just last week the Texas Governor filed a frivolous lawsuit in federal court challenging the authority of President Biden, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to require that members of the National Guard be vaccinated against COVID-19.

There is no merit to this nuisance law suit as demonstrated by the summary rejection of similar arguments raised by neighboring Oklahoma Governor Stitt.

The Texas Governor's failure to comply with the policies intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among the Armed Forces will mean that there will be less military personnel available national disasters that have struck Texas in recent years, such as the winter freeze of last year.

This will also mean that there are fewer personnel to respond to any attacks on the homeland.

Encouraged by Governor Abbott's obstinacy, about 40 percent of the members of the Texas Army National Guard are refusing to get vaccinated, which puts at risk their colleagues and the persons they are sworn to defend and protect.

This Rule governs debate of excellent and common-sense bills that will enhance the respect and benefits of our servicemen and women.

We must also act to ensure that our servicemen and women are protected from COVID-19, both for their own safety and the safety of our nation.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I appreciate my good friend from Texas talking about suicide. If we want to talk about suicide, let's look at the youth of this country. Here is the statistic:

The number of ER visits for suspected suicide attempts by 12- to 17-year-old girls rose by 51 percent in 2021 compared to 2019. Suicide attempts are up 51 percent. So let's talk about suicide and let's talk about the effect that these shutdowns are having on our youth.

I know my good friend from Colorado said this is just an issue in Chicago when we were talking about Chicago. Chicago is just an example of the shutdowns.

There are over 4,500 schools across the country that chose to begin the week of January 2 by shutting down, which clearly disrupted learning.

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This isn't just a Republican stat. I have a New York Times article that has even more facts on this. Remember, it was President Biden who promised that he was going to shut down the

virus, not shut down the economy and not shut down schools. He has actually done the exact opposite.

Here is another statistic. More Americans have died from COVID-19 in 2021 than in 2020. That is under President Biden's watch.

We can hear excuses all day long about what can be done, but the fact is this: This is a crisis that Joe Biden and the other party across the aisle own. There is no excuse. They control the White House and the Senate, and they have the majority in the House. This has been done on their watch.

Madam Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. HERN) to talk more about this topic.

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I thank my dear friend from Pennsylvania for yielding me 2½ minutes to speak about something today that we need to shed light on, which is an issue impacting an entire generation of students.

Children from preschool age through college have been barred from their classrooms for the better part of 2 years now. Many of us have stated from the start that shutting down schools would create more problems than it would solve, and now the data proves us right.

Still, some teachers' unions refuse to work. They refuse to put the well-being of the students' futures first.

Americans are sick and tired of the Federal Government moving the goalposts and changing the "science" to fit whatever narrative they want.

The President of the United States repeatedly caved to the teachers' unions, ignoring the needs of our students to the detriment of our children across the country. Now that he has seen the polling on school closures, he says the schools should reopen, continuing to move the goalposts.

Suicide and self-harm among students hit record highs while schools were closed. Mental health problems are on the rise among kids of all ages. Test scores are abysmal. All of these issues trace back to the closure of our schools.

When schools remain closed, our children are harmed. Parents are having to take their children to work, to their jobs, because they have no way of having their children cared for during the day.

Students need to be in school environments for more than just an education. The social skills developed through their school years have a direct impact on the adults and members of society that these children will grow into.

What will the next generation of leaders look like? What will the next generation of doctors, scientists, or engineers look like if this is their education today? In 20 years, our society will be dependent on this generation in the workforce and throughout our society. We are failing to prepare our children for it.

The future of our Nation belongs to the children. Yes, it really is for the

children. Can anyone in this Chamber look at the actions of the last 2 years and say we are serving our children's best interests? The answer is a resounding no.

Madam Speaker, I urge consideration of Congresswoman HINSON's legislation to ensure our students are back in the classroom.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I would just respond to my friend from Oklahoma, as well as the gentleman from Pennsylvania. Obviously, they have some issues with their school systems if this is the problem that they are bringing up.

In Colorado, schools are open. I can tell you that my wife, Nancy, is pretty stressed because COVID is still around and the teaching ranks have been hit by COVID. There is a lot of stress on teachers, but the schools are open.

Maybe those gentlemen need to talk to their school boards. In Colorado, we believe in local control. In Colorado, we have kept these open.

I would just suggest to the gentlemen to take a look at their own school boards instead of having some national standard that they want to create here about keeping schools open, because they are open.

Madam Speaker, Mr. RESCENTIALER mentioned something about the economy. Let's talk about the economy. Let's start with the stock market.

The stock market is up 10,000 points since Joe Biden took office. Madam Speaker, 10,000 points. Do you know what that means? It is \$1.4 billion per point. It means the stock market is up \$14 trillion in 1 year under Joe Biden. Since Donald Trump lost, the stock market is up \$14 trillion.

If that weren't enough, let's talk about how many jobs have been added since Joe Biden won and Donald Trump lost. Madam Speaker, 6.2 million jobs have been added in the last year.

Wages have increased by 4.7 percent, at levels we haven't seen for decades.

We had the sharpest drop in unemployment since Joe Biden won and Donald Trump lost, over the course of the last year, down to 3.9 percent.

The stock market is up. Jobs are up. Wages are up. My friends are complaining about the economy. Well, they have to complain about something, so that is what they want to complain about.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I am actually glad the economy came up because this is truly a disaster. We can talk about the stock market, but I can tell you that the people in my district don't care about Wall Street. They are focused on Main Street.

When everything they buy every day, whether it is bacon at the grocery store or gasoline at the gas station,

costs more, it takes money out of their paychecks.

Don't take my word. Let's turn to some statistics.

The December jobs report was the worst of Joe Biden's Presidency, with the U.S. economy actually adding just under 200,000 jobs when it was projected to add roughly half a million jobs, grossly falling short of what all the economists were projecting.

The December jobs report was the worst of the Biden Presidency. The labor force participation rates decreased for the following demographics. African-American men 20 and older declined in job participation. African-American teenagers, Asian Americans, and Hispanic and Latino Americans all had falling numbers under the Biden economy.

Again, let's just look at inflation. Gasoline is up 58 percent. We haven't seen increases like this in gasoline since the last time that Joe Biden was in the White House. Car and truck rentals are up over 37 percent. As I referenced, bacon is up over 21 percent. Fish and seafood are up 10 percent. Eggs are up 8 percent. Coffee is up 7.5 percent.

What this means is the real wages of American workers, which have stagnated, are even worse than they were before this Presidency because everything the American worker buys costs more thanks to Joe Biden and thanks to the party across the aisle's economic policies.

I want to talk more about schools that were referenced. Let's talk about schools. I have a New York Times article. "No Way to Grow Up" is the title. American children are in crisis. It was published on January 4. This is a New York Times article.

Among third through eighth graders, math and reading levels were lower than normal this fall, according to NWEA, which is a research group.

Many children and teenagers are experiencing mental health problems aggravated by the isolation and disruption of the pandemic.

Three medical groups, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, recently declared a national state of emergency in children's health.

What is really shocking about this is the party across the aisle claims to be the party of science. I think the party across the aisle has forever forfeited the right to call themselves the party of science because nothing that they have done has been based on science—maybe political science, but not real science.

Here is the real science. Data now suggests that the many changes to school routines are of questionable value in controlling the virus' spread. Some researchers are skeptical that school closures actually reduce COVID cases in most instances.

Here we have the so-called party of science using unscientific rationale to shut down schools, which we know is damaging kids both from an education

point of view and a mental health point of view, damaging kids while having zero science to back that up.

Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question so that we can immediately consider H.R. 682, the Reopen Schools Act.

As a father of four, I know just how important it is to families across the country that our schools stay open and our kids keep learning.

I want to pause for a moment to highlight what we are hearing right now. I fully appreciate my Democrat colleagues talking about federalism. I am very supportive of that in the face of sweeping Federal mandates that are going to inflict an enormous workforce burden on all of our private-sector companies in my district with a Federal vaccine mandate. We are trying to say: Don't do that. That is not the right approach.

I am hearing the same thing, that it is not the right approach to tell each school board what they are doing. Let me set just a clear concept of what we are talking about here. There is Federal money involved. We want school boards to make decisions—I have even incorporated it into my speech that I will share here in a minute—to use these Federal dollars that are designed to help keep schools open.

We need to make sure that these schools stay open. Let's all embrace federalism. That is the goal. President Biden just realized it a few weeks ago when he said we can't solve this at the Federal level. We fully embrace that.

In-person learning is critical for our children's well-being. From mental health to reading and math skills, American students are struggling.

COVID is spreading, and we can embrace commonsense precautions, embracing federalism, like masks and testing, where relevant. But our kids need to be in the classroom.

Rolling school closures are exacting a staggering toll on our children, particularly those with special needs or those who are already vulnerable or behind academically.

Low-income families with parents who work outside the home are most at risk when schools shut down. Moms and dads race to find makeshift childcare just to be able to go to work and feed their families, and vulnerable kids fall further and further behind on their schoolwork. We cannot fail these students.

Congress allocated \$54.3 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund to help schools reopen and stay open. Those funds must be used to prioritize the expenses that keep schools open.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Utah.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for Utah's educators

and superintendents who are working hard to do what is right by our students. They are working hard; I see it. Families across the country are trying the best they can, and we must commit to supporting them in return.

A vote for the previous question is a vote for our students and our future.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate the comments of the gentleman from Utah, as well as my friend from Pennsylvania. They are focusing on schools. Okay, focus on schools. Obviously, I think local control of these school districts is the appropriate way to go and not kind of a Federal mandate.

Obviously, we would like to see vaccines used more and COVID eliminated. If we got everybody vaccinated and people wore masks, I think that would be the direction we would go.

What these bills are about, and what this rule is about, is the mental health of our National Guard and Reserve troops. We are talking about the National Guard, and we are talking about the Reserves.

They may want to bring in a school bill, which is completely unrelated to the topic at hand, but what we are talking about here should have been either passed under some kind of an expedited fashion or it should be the law already. Obviously, they want to argue about something that is not before the body because they can't argue against these two bills.

We want to make sure that there is parity that exists between the National Guard and Reserve and active military when it comes to the GI Bill and the ability of those individuals to take advantage of the benefits of the GI Bill, which will benefit this Nation greatly.

My dad had a saying about the original GI Bill. He said: America has made many investments, but of the two best investments that America made, the Louisiana Purchase was second only to the GI Bill in terms of the value to America.

Here we are, talking about all sorts of other things and not parity for National Guardsmen, Reserve officers, and Reserve troops with the ability to access the GI Bill.

We are also ignoring the mental health issues that so many coming out of the military may experience once they are out of the Department of Defense, out of their active service. We want to make sure there is a seamless approach to them entering into the VA system.

Madam Speaker, I understand my friends arguing about everything else, but what we have before us are very important matters that have to be addressed.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, again, I just want to reiterate

that I have said if we defeat the previous question I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 682, the Reopen Schools Act, to help our children who are in school who are suffering. That is why this is now an issue.

To speak more on that, Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFFANY).

Mr. TIFFANY. Madam Speaker, I want to say thank you to the gentleman from Pennsylvania for a few minutes here. I appreciate it.

Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question and in support of the Reopen Schools Act. We are hearing today that, in terms of priorities here, what could be more important than schools and getting our schools open with the damage that has been done over the last couple years?

During the early days of the pandemic many schools across the country were shuttered. But now some 2 years in, I believe we have the tools and resources to keep our schools open—something we all know is in the best interest of our kids.

Since March of 2020, the Federal Government has provided \$190 billion in pandemic aid to schools to upgrade their mitigation systems and get kids back in the classrooms safely. Unfortunately, last week the teachers union in Chicago decided to walk out on their students. The standoff has kept 340,000 students—the third largest school system in the United States—out of the classroom. Worryingly, we are now seeing other teachers unions across the country looking to follow their lead and pushing for a return to remote learning.

So our colleague across the aisle here asked: What are we railing against?

Aren't we in support of local control?

Of course we are. But what we are seeing in the State of Wisconsin now is that the Department of Health Services, at the behest of the Governor, is pushing for more restrictions. A letter just went out today to all school districts across the State of Wisconsin: You should be putting more restrictions in place.

It is very similar to what the Centers for Disease Control has done. It is extremely hard for someone at the local level to simply stand up against this onslaught of regulations and suggestions that you have to do this otherwise children are going to be damaged.

How are you going to stand up against that when you are just a small, local school district?

Even the Education Secretary, Miguel Cardona, took a stand by saying that students have suffered enough and schools should stay open. I agree.

Last year's school closures were extremely hard on parents and students leading to significant learning loss. That is a scenario we cannot afford to repeat this academic year. We owe it to

our kids to get back to in-person instruction. H.R. 682 ensures that the additional \$190 billion in pandemic aid actually goes towards what it was intended: getting kids back in the classroom.

Madam Speaker, I just want to close by saying this: I remember back in April of 2020, a couple weeks into the shutdowns and lockdowns, we knew whom this was going to affect the most, and we knew that children are at very low risk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman from Wisconsin an additional 10 seconds.

Mr. TIFFANY. In fact, the head of the CDC at that time, Dr. Redfield, said that kids should be back in school. They are at less risk than the cold and flu with COVID. Kids should be back in school.

Madam Speaker, I urge defeat of the previous question so we can consider this critical piece of legislation put forward by the gentlewoman from Iowa.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time each side has remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Colorado has 9½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Pennsylvania has 8½ minutes remaining.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate my friends wanting to talk about the Chicago Teachers Union because, again, they don't want to talk about the National Guard; they don't want to talk about the Reserve; they don't want to talk about the GI Bill; and they don't want to talk about mental health benefits or health benefits generally for veterans because they don't have any complaint about that. There is just a whole other conversation going on here.

Again, I don't know what is going on in Wisconsin, whether the gentleman has a complaint against collective bargaining in Wisconsin; I don't know if it is the problem in Pennsylvania if there is an issue with collective bargaining. That is not the issue before the House today.

Madam Speaker, we need to get these National Guard and Reserve pieces of legislation passed, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I am a veteran in the Navy. I was a naval officer. I deployed to Iraq. I will talk about veteran issues all day long, and we can start by talking about the VA loan that needs reform so veterans can actually use this loan in a hot market where sellers simply will refuse to accept that loan. I will sit up here and talk about that all day, and I have been talking about veterans' issues.

But let's just step back. We have had almost 1 year of one-party rule, one party controlling the White House, the Senate, and the House for 1 year.

And what has that given us?

It has given us an absolute crisis—a disaster—at the southern border. It has given us rampant COVID deaths that actually exceed what they were last year despite the fact that this President inherited from President Trump Operation Warp Speed which gave him three vaccines and a list of therapeutics that could be used. Despite all that, this is still an unmitigated disaster that Biden and his Democratic colleagues have created.

We also have inflation and stagnation. American workers have less money to buy the goods and services they need. We have Russia poised to invade Ukraine. We have Communist China daily invading the airspace of the free and independent nation state of Taiwan. And don't even get me started on the fact that we ceded Afghanistan to the Taliban after 18 months of stability in a nation that saw zero American fatalities and stability for our Afghan allies, and we handed it over to the Taliban.

That is what 1 year of one-party rule has given this country: an unmitigated disaster.

Now, getting back to schools, I know that my colleagues on the left want to say that this is just an issue for Chicago or some other city. Forty-five hundred schools shut down the first week of January is a national issue.

Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Louisiana (Ms. LETLOW) to talk more about it.

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question so we can immediately consider H.R. 682, the Reopen Schools Act. I believe that this legislation is critical for our students, to ensure success in the current school year, and also address the learning gap that has arisen during this pandemic.

As parents, we know that education is the most essential cornerstone in the foundation of our children's future. Throughout the past year I have heard from countless parents who had to put their lives on hold to assume the role of teacher in their child's virtual classroom, while other family priorities, including returning to work, took a backseat.

As a former educator myself, I know how crucial classroom discussion is to the learning process. The statistics clearly show that students learn better when they are able to participate in person and interact with their peers and teachers, and not reduced to just a face on a screen.

I also want to note that in rural areas such as my district, successful virtual learning is nearly impossible because of the lack of access to broadband internet. In my home State of Louisiana, our standardized tests show that the number of students in grades 3 through 8 who achieved the State's proficiency goals fell by nearly 5 percent during the pandemic.

Over the past 2 years, Congress has appropriated billions of dollars so schools can take the necessary steps to reopen safely. I want to be clear: We are not asking schools to put either students or teachers into unsafe environments. We did not send States and districts that funding for them to simply shut their doors again.

Madam Speaker, it is absolutely critical for us to move forward on this legislation to ensure that American students can continue to learn in safe, face-to-face classrooms across this country.

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I would like my friend from Colorado to know that I have no further speakers and that I am prepared to close.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I would just like to thank the gentlewoman from Louisiana for talking about the need for broadband because in the American Rescue Plan there is funding for broadband for rural areas such as she represents as well as in the infrastructure bill.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time so my friend can close.

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, as a former Navy JAG, I strongly support efforts to ensure our military men and women receive the care and benefits they deserve both during and after their periods of service. It is, therefore, incredibly disappointing to me that the two bills made in order under today's rule present numerous issues and numerous uncertainties that could have been addressed through what could have been just a robust discussion with the VA, VSOs, and other stakeholder groups.

I really hope that moving forward we can just work together to ensure that through the legislative process we address the needs of our Nation's veterans.

Again, I would urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question so that I can offer the amendment to Reopen Schools Act.

So, again, Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question and "no" on the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I want to just recognize my friend for his service to our country both in the military and here in the United States Congress.

I want to thank my colleagues for joining me here today to speak on the rule, the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act, and the EVESST Act and how we provide and care for our Nation's veterans.

We have an opportunity through passage of both bills to improve the healthcare of our separating servicemembers and ensure our National Guard and Reserve component members receive parity in their GI Bill benefits to thank them for their service to

our country. I again want to thank the Veterans' Affairs Committee for their work along with Chairman MARK TAKANO and Representative MIKE LEVIN for sponsoring these important bills.

As we kick off 2022 and continue the House's work for the people, I am glad we are starting with our Nation's veterans. I want to thank my friend and colleague, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and the numerous other veterans who have served in this body for, again, service both in the military and service here in the United States Congress. I have always fought hard for our Nation's veterans throughout my time in Congress as my way to show my gratitude for their service and fulfill my belief that it is our country's responsibility to care for our Nation's veterans after they have cared for us.

Madam Speaker, I encourage a "yes" vote on the rule and the previous question.

The material previously referred to by Mr. RESCHENTHALER is as follows:

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 8. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 682) to encourage local educational agencies to resume in-person instruction at elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 9. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 682.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 203, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 2]

YEAS—219

Adams	Blunt Rochester	Carbajal
Aguilar	Bonamici	Cárdenas
Allred	Bourdeaux	Carson
Auchincloss	Bowman	Carter (LA)
Axne	Boyle, Brendan F.	Case
Barragán		Casten
Bass	Brown (MD)	Castor (FL)
Beatty	Brown (OH)	Castro (TX)
Bera	Brownley	Chu
Beyer	Bush	Cicilline
Bishop (GA)	Bustos	Clark (MA)
Blumenauer	Butterfield	Clarke (NY)

Cleaver	Kelly (IL)	Porter
Clyburn	Khanna	Pressley
Cohen	Kildee	Price (NC)
Connolly	Kilmer	Quigley
Cooper	Kim (NJ)	Raskin
Correa	Kind	Rice (NY)
Costa	Kirkpatrick	Ross
Courtney	Krishnamoorthi	Roybal-Allard
Craig	Kuster	Ruiz
Crist	Lamb	Ruppersberger
Crow	Langevin	Rush
Cuellar	Larsen (WA)	Ryan
Daids (KS)	Larson (CT)	Sánchez
Davis, Danny K.	Lawrence	Sarbanes
Dean	Lawson (FL)	Scanlon
DeFazio	Lee (CA)	Schakowsky
DeGette	Lee (NV)	Schiff
DeLauro	Leger Fernandez	Schneider
DelBene	Levin (CA)	Schrader
Delgado	Levin (MI)	Schrier
Demings	Lieu	Scott (VA)
Desaulnier	Lofgren	Scott, David
Deutsch	Lowenthal	Sewell
Dingell	Luria	Sherman
Doggett	Lynch	Sherrill
Doyle, Michael F.	Malinowski	Sires
Escobar	Maloney,	Slotkin
Eshoo	Carolyn B.	Smith (WA)
Espallat	Maloney, Sean	Soto
Evans	Manning	Spanberger
Fletcher	Matsui	Speier
Foster	McBath	Stansbury
Frankel, Lois	McCollum	Stanton
Gallego	McEachin	Stevens
Garamendi	McGovern	Strickland
Garcia (IL)	McNerney	Suozzi
Garcia (TX)	Meeks	Swalwell
Golden	Meng	Takano
Gomez	Mfume	Thompson (CA)
Gonzalez,	Moore (WI)	Thompson (MS)
Vicente	Morelle	
Gottheimer	Moulton	Titus
Green, Al (TX)	Mryan	Tlaib
Grijalva	Murphy (FL)	Tonko
Harder (CA)	Nadler	Torres (CA)
Hayes	Napolitano	Torres (NY)
Higgins (NY)	Neal	Trahan
Himes	Neguse	Trone
Horsford	Newman	Underwood
Houlihan	Norcross	Vargas
Hoyer	O'Halleran	Veasey
Huffman	Ocasio-Cortez	Vela
Jackson Lee	Omar	Velázquez
Jacobs (CA)	Pallone	Wasserman
Jayapal	Panetta	Schultz
Jeffries	Pappas	Waters
Johnson (GA)	Pascarell	Watson Coleman
Johnson (TX)	Payne	Welch
Jones	Perlmutter	Wexton
Kahele	Peters	Wild
Kaptur	Phillips	Williams (GA)
Keating	Pingree	Wilson (FL)
	Pocan	Yarmuth

NAYS—203

Aderholt	Chabot	Garcia (CA)
Allen	Cheney	Gibbs
Amodei	Cloud	Gimenez
Armstrong	Clyde	Gohmert
Arrington	Cole	Gonzales, Tony
Babin	Comer	Gonzalez (OH)
Bacon	Crawford	Good (VA)
Baird	Crenshaw	Gooden (TX)
Balderson	Curtis	Gosar
Banks	Davidson	Granger
Barr	Davis, Rodney	Graves (LA)
Bentz	DesJarlais	Graves (MO)
Bergman	Diaz-Balart	Green (TN)
Bice (OK)	Donalds	Greene (GA)
Biggs	Duncan	Griffith
Bilirakis	Dunn	Grothman
Bishop (NC)	Ellzey	Guest
Boebert	Emmer	Guthrie
Bost	Estes	Hagedorn
Brady	Fallon	Harris
Brooks	Feenstra	Harshbarger
Buchanan	Ferguson	Hartzler
Buck	Fischbach	Hern
Bucshon	Fitzgerald	Herrell
Budd	Fitzpatrick	Herrera Beutler
Burchett	Fleischmann	Hice (GA)
Burgess	Fortenberry	Hill
Calvert	Fox	Hinson
Cammack	Franklin, C.	Hollingsworth
Carey	Scott	Hudson
Carl	Fulcher	Issa
Carter (GA)	Gaetz	Jackson
Carter (TX)	Gallagher	Jacobs (NY)
Cawthorn	Garbarino	Johnson (LA)

Johnson (OH)	Meuser	Sessions
Johnson (SD)	Miller (IL)	Simpson
Jordan	Miller (WV)	Smith (MO)
Joyce (OH)	Miller-Meeks	Smith (NE)
Joyce (PA)	Moolenaar	Smith (NJ)
Katko	Mooney	Smucker
Keller	Moore (AL)	Spartz
Kelly (MS)	Moore (UT)	Stauber
Kelly (PA)	Mullin	Steel
Kim (CA)	Murphy (NC)	Stefanik
Kinzinger	Nehls	Steil
Kustoff	Newhouse	Steube
LaHood	Norman	Stewart
LaMalfa	Obernolte	Taylor
Lamborn	Owens	Tenney
Latta	Palazzo	Thompson (PA)
LaTurner	Palmer	Tiffany
Lesko	Pence	Timmons
Letlow	Perry	Turner
Long	Pfluger	Upton
Loudermilk	Posey	Valadao
Lucas	Reed	Van Drew
Luetkemeyer	Reschenthaler	Van Duyn
Mace	Rice (SC)	Wagner
Malliotakis	Rodgers (WA)	Walberg
Mann	Rogers (KY)	Walorski
Massie	Rose	Weber (TX)
Mast	Rosendale	Wenstrup
McCarthy	Rouzer	Westerman
McCaul	Roy	Wilson (SC)
McClain	Salazar	Wittman
McHenry	Scalise	Womack
McKinley	Schweikert	Young
Meijer	Scott, Austin	Zeldin

NOT VOTING—10

Cartwright	McClintock	Webster (FL)
Cline	Rogers (AL)	Williams (TX)
Higgins (LA)	Rutherford	
Huizenga	Waltz	

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Mr. LONG changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams (Brown)	Doggett (Raskin)	Lee (CA)
(MD)	Evans (Mfume)	(Khanna)
Auchincloss	Frankel, Lois	Leger Fernandez
(Clark (MA))	(Clark (MA))	(Clark (MA))
Babin (Sessions)	Gaetz (Boebers)	Lieu (Beyer)
Baird (Walorski)	Garamendi	Lofgren (Jeffries)
Barragán (Beyer)	(Sherman)	Lowenthal
Bass (Cicilline)	Gohmert (Weber)	(Beyer)
Beatty (Kaptur)	(TX)	Mace (Timmons)
Bera (Kilmer)	Gonzalez,	Maloney, Sean
Bishop (GA)	Vicente	Patrick
(Carter (LA))	(Correa)	(Jeffries)
Blumenauer	Grijalva (García)	Matsui
(Beyer)	(IL)	(Thompson
Blunt Rochester	Grothman	(CA))
(Brown (MD))	(Fitzgerald)	McBath (Trone)
Bonamici	Hagedorn (Carl)	McCaul (Ellzey)
(Kuster)	Herrera Beutler	McEachin
Bourdeaux	(Moore (UT))	(Wexton)
(Clark (MA))	Hudson	Meng (Kuster)
Boyle, Brendan	(McHenry)	Moore (WI)
F. (Swalwell)	Jacobs (NY)	(Beyer)
Brownley	(Garbarino)	Moulton (Beyer)
(Kuster)	Jayapal (Raskin)	Nadler (Pallone)
Bush (Bowman)	Johnson (GA)	Napolitano
Butterfield	(Raskin)	(Correa)
(Kildee)	Johnson (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez
Cárdenas (Soto)	(Jeffries)	(Escobar)
Casten	Jones (Jacobs)	Omar (Bowman)
(Underwood)	(CA))	Panetta (Kildee)
Chu (Clark (MA))	Kahele (Case)	Payne (Pallone)
Cohen (Beyer)	Katko (Meijer)	Pfluger (Mann)
Cooper (Clark	Kim (CA) (Steel)	Pingree
(MA))	Kim (NJ)	(Cicilline)
Crawford	(Pallone)	Pocan (Raskin)
(Stewart)	Kind (Connolly)	Porter (Wexton)
Crist (Soto)	Kinzinger	Pressley (Garcia
DeFazio (Brown	(Meijer)	(IL))
(MD))	Kirkpatrick	Price (NC)
DeGette (Brown	(Pallone)	(Connolly)
(MD))	Lamborn	Roybal-Allard
Desaulnier	(McHenry)	(Correa)
(Beyer)	Langevin	Ruiz (Aguilar)
DesJarlais	(Lynch)	Ruppersberger
(Fleischmann)	Lawson (FL)	(Trone)
Deutsch (Rice	(Soto)	Rush (Kaptur)
(NY))		

Salazar (Gimenez)	Stansbury (Jacobs (CA))	chenthaler)	Speier	Tlaib	Wasserman
Sarbanes	Stanton (Levin (CA))	Vela (Correa)	Stansbury	Tonko	Schultz
(Raskin)	Stefanik	Waters (Takano)	Stanton	Torres (CA)	Waters
Schrier (Spanberger)	(Meuser)	Watson Coleman (Pallone)	Stevens	Torres (NY)	Watson Coleman
Sewell (Cicilline)	Suozzi (Raskin)	Welch	Strickland	Trahan	Welch
Sires (Pallone)	Titus (Connolly)	(McGovern)	Suozzi	Trone	Wexton
Smucker (Joyce (PA))	Tlaib (Khanna)	Williams (GA)	Swallow	Underwood	Wild
Speier (Escobar)	Torres (NY) (Cicilline)	(Jacobs (CA))	Takano	Vargas	Williams (GA)
	Wilson (FL)	(Cicilline)	Thompson (CA)	Veasey	Wilson (FL)
	Van Drew (Res-		Thompson (MS)	Vela	Yarmuth
			Titus	Velázquez	

Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 2 and “nay” on rollcall No. 3.

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Adams (Brown (MD))	Gonzalez, Vicente (Correa)	Moore (WI) (Beyer)
Auchincloss (Clark (MA))	Grijalva (García (IL))	Moulton (Beyer)
Babin (Sessions)	Grothman (Fitzgerald)	Nadler (Pallone)
Baird (Walorski)	Hagedorn (Carl)	Napolitano (Correa)
Barragán (Beyer)	Herrera Beutler (Moore (UT))	Ocasio-Cortez (Escobar)
Bass (Cicilline)	Hudson (McHenry)	Omar (Bowman)
Beatty (Kaptur)	Jacobs (NY)	Panetta (Kildee)
Bera (Kilmer)	(Garbarino)	Payne (Pallone)
Bishop (GA)	Jayapal (Raskin)	Pfleger (Mann)
(Carter (LA))	Johnson (GA)	Pingree (Cicilline)
Blumenauer	(Raskin)	Pocan (Raskin)
(Beyer)	Johnson (TX)	Porter (Wexton)
Blunt Rochester	(Jeffries)	Pressley (García (IL))
(Brown (MD))	Jones (Jacobs (CA))	Price (NC)
Bonamici	Kahele (Case)	(Connolly)
(Kuster)	Katko (Meijer)	Royalb-Allard (Correa)
Bourdeaux	Kim (CA) (Steel)	Ruiz (Aguilar)
(Clark (MA))	Kim (NJ)	Ruppersberger (Trone)
Boyle, Brendan	(Pallone)	Rush (Kaptur)
F. (Swallow)	Kind (Connolly)	Salazar (Gimenez)
Brownley	Kinzing	Sarbanes (Raskin)
(Kuster)	(Meijer)	Schrier
Bush (Bowman)	(Underwood)	(Spanberger)
Butterfield	Kirkpatrick (Pallone)	Sewell (Cicilline)
(Kildee)	Lamborn	Sires (Pallone)
Cárdenas (Soto)	(McHenry)	Smucker (Joyce (PA))
Casten	Langevin (Lynch)	Speier (Escobar)
(Underwood)	Lawson (FL)	Stansbury (Jacobs (CA))
Chu (Clark (MA))	(Soto)	Stanton (Levin (CA))
Cohen (Beyer)	Lee (CA)	Stefanik (Meuser)
Cooper (Clark (MA))	(Khanna)	Suozzi (Raskin)
Crawford	Leger Fernandez (Clark (MA))	Titus (Connolly)
(Stewart)	(Beyer)	Tlaib (Khanna)
Crist (Soto)	Lieu (Jeffries)	Torres (NY) (Cicilline)
DeFazio (Brown (MD))	Loifgren (Jeffries)	Van Drew (Res- chenthaler)
DeGette (Brown (MD))	Lowenthal (Beyer)	Vela (Correa)
DeSaulnier	Mace (Timmons)	Waltz (Mast)
(Bayer)	Maloney, Sean	Waters (Takano)
DesJarlais	Patrick (Jeffries)	Watson Coleman (Pallone)
(Fleischmann)	Matsui (Thompson (CA))	Welch (McGovern)
Deutch (Rice (NY))	McBath (Trone)	Williams (GA)
Doggett (Raskin)	McCaul (Ellzey)	(Jacobs (CA))
Evans (Mfume)	McEachin	Wilson (FL) (Cicilline)
Frankel, Lois	(Wexton)	
(Clark (MA))	Meng (Kuster)	
Gaetz (Boebert)		
Garamendi		
(Sherman)		
Gohmert (Weber (TX))		

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 203, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 3]

YEAS—219

Adams	Eshoo	Manning
Aguilar	Españillat	Matsui
Allred	Evans	McBath
Auchincloss	Fletcher	McCollum
Axne	Foster	McEachin
Barragán	Frankel, Lois	McGovern
Bass	Galleo	McNerney
Beatty	Garamendi	Meeks
Bera	García (IL)	Meng
Beyer	García (TX)	Mfume
Bishop (GA)	Golden	Moore (WI)
Blumenauer	Gomez	Morelle
Blunt Rochester	Gonzalez,	Moulton
Bonamici	Vicente	Mrvan
Bourdeaux	Gottheimer	Murphy (FL)
Bowman	Green, Al (TX)	Nadler
Boyle, Brendan	Grijalva	Napolitano
F.	Harder (CA)	Neal
Brown (MD)	Hayes	Neguse
Brown (OH)	Higgins (NY)	Newman
Brownley	Himes	Norcross
Bush	Horsford	O'Halleran
Bustos	Houlihan	Ocasio-Cortez
Butterfield	Hoyer	Omar
Carbajal	Huffman	Pallone
Cárdenas	Jackson Lee	Panetta
Carson	Jacobs (CA)	Pappas
Carter (LA)	Jayapal	Pascarella
Case	Jeffries	Payne
Casten	Johnson (GA)	Perlmutter
Castor (FL)	Johnson (TX)	Peters
Castro (TX)	Jones	Phillips
Chu	Kahele	Pingree
Cicilline	Kaptur	Pocan
Clark (MA)	Keating	Porter
Clarke (NY)	Kelly (IL)	Pressley
Cleaver	Khanna	Price (NC)
Clyburn	Kildee	Quigley
Cohen	Kilmer	Raskin
Connolly	Kim (NJ)	Rice (NY)
Cooper	Kind	Ross
Correa	Kirkpatrick	Roybal-Allard
Costa	Krishnamoorthi	Ruiz
Courtney	Kuster	Ruppersberger
Craig	Lamb	Rush
Crist	Langevin	Ryan
Crow	Larsen (WA)	Sánchez
Cuellar	Larson (CT)	Sarbanes
Davids (KS)	Lawrence	Scanlon
Davis, Danny K.	Lawson (FL)	Schakowsky
Dean	Lee (CA)	Schiff
DeFazio	Lee (NV)	Schneider
DeGette	Leger Fernandez	Schrader
DeLauro	Levin (CA)	Schrier
DelBene	Levin (MI)	Scott (VA)
Delgado	Lieu	Scott, David
Demings	Loifgren	Sewell
DeSaulnier	Lowenthal	Sherman
Deutch	Luria	Sherrill
Dingell	Lynch	Sires
Doggett	Malinowski	Slotkin
Doyle, Michael	Maloney,	Smith (WA)
F.	Carolyn B.	Soto
Escobar	Maloney, Sean	Spanberger

Aderholt	Gibbs	Miller (IL)
Allen	Gimenez	Miller (WV)
Amodei	Gohmert	Miller-Meeks
Armstrong	Gonzales, Tony	Moolenaar
Arrington	Gonzalez (OH)	Mooney
Babin	Good (VA)	Moore (AL)
Bacon	Gooden (TX)	Moore (UT)
Baird	Gosar	Mullin
Balderson	Granger	Murphy (NC)
Banks	Graves (LA)	Nehls
Barr	Graves (MO)	Newhouse
Bentz	Green (TN)	Norman
Bergman	Greene (GA)	Obenolte
Bice (OK)	Griffith	Owens
Biggs	Grothman	Palazzo
Bilirakis	Guest	Palmer
Bishop (NC)	Guthrie	Pence
Boebert	Hagedorn	Perry
Bost	Harris	Pfleger
Brady	Harshbarger	Posey
Brooks	Hartzler	Reed
Buchanan	Hern	Reschenthaler
Bucshon	Herrell	Rice (SC)
Budd	Herrera Beutler	Rodgers (WA)
Burchett	Hice (GA)	Rogers (KY)
Burgess	Hill	Rose
Calvert	Hinson	Rosendale
Cammack	Hollingsworth	Rouzer
Carey	Hudson	Roy
Carl	Issa	Salazar
Carter (GA)	Jackson	Scalise
Carter (TX)	Jacobs (NY)	Schweikert
Cawthorn	Johnson (LA)	Scott, Austin
Chabot	Johnson (OH)	Sessions
Cheney	Johnson (SD)	Simpson
Cloud	Jordan	Smith (MO)
Clyde	Joyce (OH)	Smith (NE)
Cole	Joyce (PA)	Smith (NJ)
Comer	Katko	Smucker
Crawford	Keller	Spartz
Crenshaw	Kelly (MS)	Stauber
Curtis	Kelly (PA)	Steel
Davidson	Kim (CA)	Stefanik
Davis, Rodney	Kinzing	Steil
DesJarlais	Kustoff	Steube
Diaz-Balart	LaHood	Stewart
Donalds	LaMalfa	Taylor
Duncan	Lamborn	Tenney
Dunn	Latta	Thompson (PA)
Ellzey	LaTurner	Tiffany
Emmer	Lesko	Timmons
Estes	Letlow	Turner
Fallon	Long	Upton
Feenstra	Loudermilk	Valadao
Ferguson	Lucas	Van Drew
Fischbach	Luetkemeyer	Van Dwyne
Fitzgerald	Mace	Wagner
Fitzpatrick	Malliotakis	Walberg
Fleischmann	Mann	Walorski
Fortenberry	Massie	Waltz
Fox	Mast	Weber (TX)
Franklin, C.	McCarthy	Wenstrup
Scott	McCaul	Westerman
Fulcher	McClain	Wilson (SC)
Gaetz	McHenry	Wittman
Gallagher	McKinley	Womack
Garbarino	Meijer	Young
García (CA)	Meuser	Zeldin

NOT VOTING—10

Buck	Huizenga	Webster (FL)
Cartwright	McClintock	Williams (TX)
Cline	Rogers (AL)	
Higgins (LA)	Rutherford	

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So the resolution was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded because I was absent due to illness.

MARSHALL FIRE

(Mr. NEGUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, just over a week ago, on December 30, a devastating disaster hit the Boulder community. Fueled by hurricane-force winds, exacerbated by months of drought and dry conditions, the Marshall fire spread through the suburban neighborhoods of Louisville and Superior with a speed and magnitude that we have never witnessed before.

Over 1,000 homes and businesses destroyed. Over 30,000 individuals evacuated. Countless families and community members dealing now with unprecedented loss left only with the clothes on their backs and the items carried in their departure. One known fatality and still one member of our community missing. Our hearts ache for every single person touched by this disaster.

For every first responder and firefighter that worked to keep our community safe, we owe you a debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, finally, I close by saying that I have lived in this community for many, many years. And we know that even in this unprecedented and terrible tragedy, that we are strong, that our community is resilient, and that our community will get through this together.

RECOGNIZING ERIC BERGREN'S 27 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KENTUCKY'S SECOND DISTRICT

(Mr. GUTHRIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eric Bergren's 27 years of service to Kentucky's Second District.

Eric, a graduate of UMass, started working for Kentucky's Second District in 1994. Eric worked his way up from an intern to become the chief of staff under Congressman Lewis, my predecessor. During that time, Eric met his wife, Kathy Reding, a native of Howardstown, Kentucky, in the Second District. Eric and Kathy are now proud parents of Cecelia and Julia.

Eric has been at my side since 2009 when I was sworn in. I believe I have had the best chief, and others have affirmed that. On a personal note, we have both watched our kids grow up and shared with each other the joys of being a father.

Madam Speaker, I am losing a chief but I am not losing a great friend. Thanks for everything, Eric, and I wish you the best for your next chapter.

SALUTE TO HARRY REID

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the late majority leader, Harry Reid, who served his Nation for 48 years in public service by appointment or election. But Harry Reid can be more than the public service that he has given. He is and was a true patriot, a family man, and someone who cared enough to not only secure this Nation but to mentor and to love his State and to love America.

Thousands—no, millions of Americans, at all economic levels, have healthcare because of Harry Reid. Nevada was prevented from being a nuclear waste dumping ground because of Harry Reid. And I stood by him, glad to have known him—I, as a member of the United States House; he, then in the United States Senate.

It is with deep sympathy that I offer to his family and friends and the people of Nevada for he truly was an American patriot—tough, but strong and kind. And may I say, he served as a U.S. Capitol Hill police officer. What a man—a boxer, but always a patriot.

May he rest in peace and may he know that his 48 years—44 of them in the United States Congress—counts toward his historical mark of changing America, making America the place where no matter who you are you have an opportunity to succeed and to overcome. He did that and helped others as well.

Thank you to patriot Majority Leader Harry Reid. May he rest in peace and may he rest in power.

106TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 106th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show, the largest indoor agriculture show under one roof in the country.

Each year, I have the privilege to tour the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, meet with commodity groups and industry leaders, and host a public listening session.

I thank those who joined me in 2022: Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation Members Congressman KELLER and Congressman MEUSER, and House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, Ranking Member MICHELLE FISCHBACH—all strong allies of the agriculture community.

I also thank Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding, for his participation, and the farmers and ranchers and producers we visit with for sharing their concerns, voicing their questions, and more importantly, clothing and feeding our great Commonwealth, country, and world.

I know there is no experience that replaces the value of meeting with our producers face to face. The Pennsylvania Farm Show truly does bring together so many different people in the ag community on the local, State, and Federal level. It is an event like no other.

AMERICA'S ECONOMIC COMEBACK

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the economic comeback we are seeing in Ohio and across our Nation.

In April of 2020, before the Biden administration took office, America's unemployment rate was nearly 15 percent. With Democrats in charge, that rate is down to 3.9 percent, millions of jobs across our country. Under President Biden's and our Democratic Congress, we passed the American Rescue Plan to prevent communities, universities, hospitals from going bankrupt, to keep police officers and firefighters on the job, and put our people back to

work. And indeed, last year, 2021, 6.4 million new jobs were created across our country—an unprecedented number. That is a wow by any measure. And 100 percent of Republicans voted "no" on the rescue bill.

Now, thanks to the Jobs and Infrastructure Act, Democrats just passed billions of dollars, and good construction jobs are going out across this country to rebuild roads, bridges, airports, renewable energy, next generation manufacturing, and keep the progress moving. And guess what, 94 percent of Republicans voted "no."

I say thank you to the Biden administration. Thank you to the Democratic party for picking this country up during the worst pandemic in a century.

CONGRATULATING DAVID H. ESTES ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS PROSECUTOR

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Estes on his appointment to be the new top prosecutor for the Southern District of Georgia.

David has been the Acting U.S. Attorney since February of 2021. In 2018, David joined the U.S. Attorney staff as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District.

David began his career in 1997 with the Alabama Attorney General's Office, violent crimes division, as a violent crimes prosecutor. David also recently retired from the military with 34 years of experience under his belt.

From 2004 to 2005, David was deployed to Iraq with the 122nd Corps Support Group where he served as the deputy staff judge advocate and chief military justice.

He has been awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Iraq. And in 2013, he was promoted to colonel and continued his service to our country as staff judge advocate for the 167th Theatre Sustainment Command.

Twice, David was awarded the Legion of Merit medal for his accomplishments, and we are very excited to have him and his experience.

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CELEBRATING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARROLL DANIEL CONSTRUCTION

(Mr. CLYDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Carroll Daniel Construction Company in Gainesville, Georgia.

Since Carroll Daniel launched the company in 1946, the family-owned construction business has grown exponentially. Currently, Carroll Daniel Construction is led by a third-generation

Daniel, Mr. Brian Daniel, who prides the company's success on his family's decision to focus on people.

It is no wonder that his business in Hall County enjoys numerous accolades, such as one of the "Best Places to Work" award, in addition to other awards recognizing the company's remarkable projects, including being named one of the "Top Contractors in the Southeast."

While Carroll Daniel Construction has strong roots in Gainesville, the company has built some of the most impressive buildings across northeast and southeast Georgia. Some of its well-known projects include the observatory on Brasstown Bald and Lanier Technical College. Additionally, the Carroll Daniel Construction Company had the incredible privilege of pouring the concrete for the launching pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

I am truly honored to represent such an outstanding family-owned business that improved the communities in Georgia's Ninth District one project at a time.

Congratulations, Carroll Daniel, on 75 strong and successful years. May you have many more to come. Thank you. Soli Deo gloria.

RECOGNIZING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF COLONEL BUD ANDERSON

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American hero, World War II triple ace fighter pilot and a man I am lucky to know and call a friend, Colonel Bud Anderson.

Colonel Anderson will be turning 100 on January 13, just a few days from now.

Bud is a California native, born in Oakland, California, and he grew up on a farm near Newcastle in Placer County in north California. He learned to fly when he was only 19 years old and joined the U.S. Army as an aviation cadet shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Bud was decorated 25 times during his successful 30-year military career. He is the highest scoring living U.S. fighter ace and the only surviving U.S. triple ace.

Bud has certainly impacted me and my staff as a friend and as a person in the community in Placer County with his leadership and his all-around kindness as a person of such heroic status.

I met him over a decade ago and had a chance to do various events with him, including a statue dedication for him. I watched him receive the Congressional Gold Medal as an elite group of American fighter aces. One of my favorite memories was with him at an air show when a P-51 Mustang, which he flew in World War II in Europe, flew by. Really, it is the sound of freedom.

Congratulations and happy birthday, Colonel Bud. God bless you.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN MADDEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BROWN of Ohio). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from California (Mr. SWALWELL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of the Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our Nation's most beloved and revered sports figures, John Madden. Since his passing in late December, words such as "legendary" and "iconic" have deservingly been used to describe John Madden.

Residents of Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley region I represent in California's 15th Congressional District had the privilege of knowing John as a devoted and down-to-earth husband to Virginia, father to Mike and Joe, and a fixture at his grandchildren's games and throughout the community.

John Madden was simultaneously a larger-than-life Hall of Fame coach and broadcaster but also someone you could hang with and have a cold Miller Lite with at the Outback Steakhouse in Dublin after his grandson's football game, bump into at Ace Hardware on a Saturday afternoon looking at power tools, or join for ham and eggs after mass on a Sunday morning at Vic's All Star Kitchen on Main Street in Pleasanton.

While our Nation mourns his passing at the age of 85, the loss is particularly felt in the Tri-Valley community we share.

Whether you were from an older generation of fans that simply knew him as "coach"; my generation of fans that connected with him as "John" from his years in the broadcast booth, hosting SNL, and starring in commercials; or the younger generation who simply knew him as "Madden" from the video game, it can be stated that few if any individuals have had a greater impact on football and popular culture in the last 50 years.

It is rare to find someone who connected with so many generations over so many different mediums. In fact, New England Patriots head coach, Bill Belichick, recently marveled at his success at coaching, broadcasting, commercials, video game planning, and real estate, stating that while most of us make an impact with one successful professional career, John Madden had five of them.

It doesn't appear that Coach Belichick was aware of Madden's proficiency as a restaurant owner, grape grower, and almond farmer. For those scoring at home, that is actually—boom—eight successful careers that John Madden had.

Yet, in the end, as NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell stated, Madden "was football." That was his passion. Simply put, John Madden made football and the NFL what it is today.

Hired by the Oakland Raiders in 1969 at the age of 32 as the league's youngest coach, Madden was on the sidelines during a transformational time in the NFL. He posted a 103-32-7 regular-season record, which is still the highest winning percentage for a coach with 100 or more games coached in NFL history.

Despite their reputation as free-spirited renegades, Madden's teams never had a losing season in his 10 years at the helm, and he led them to a Super Bowl victory in 1977. Beyond the numbers, many of Madden's games actually have names. Whether it was the "Immaculate Reception," "Ghost to the Post," "Sea of Hands," or "Holy Roller," never has one coach been involved with so many instant, iconic classics of a golden era of football. Madden never hid his emotions on the sidelines and is featured in many of the game's lasting images.

After retiring from football in 1978, Madden quickly became one of the greatest ambassadors the sport of football has ever known. He moved to the broadcast booth to become the most popular commentator in all of professional sports.

Madden would describe his teaming with his longtime broadcast partner Pat Summerall "like the day that peanut butter met jelly." He won 16 Emmys sharing his insights, humor, and love for the game of football while working for every major network. He also lent his name to the popular football game "Madden NFL," which ranked among the top-selling titles of all time.

During that time, it would be hard to argue that any person did more for the growth of the popularity of football. Players and fans knew that if Madden was calling their game, it was the biggest and best game of the week.

Madden's enthusiasm for football through the television set inspired passion, while his voice also literally taught the game of football to millions of kids through their video game controller.

Despite many of the other descriptors of John Madden, one that I like to use is "teacher" because I don't feel that anybody has taught the game of football to more people over the years in his capacity as coach, broadcaster, and video game producer than John Madden.

John Madden was that rare communicator who was both a teacher and entertainer. He innovated both the telestrator and the yellow "line to

gain" for first downs that is standard for every broadcast today.

Madden also educated audiences about the intricacies of football and communicated in a straightforward manner and plain language that everyone could easily understand. He never overcomplicated things, but his analysis touched the football novice as much as the die-hard fan just the same.

He was truly authentic. I can tell you, what you saw on TV is what you would see in real life.

Like any great teacher, Madden was in a never-ending quest to learn about his subject and to perfect his craft. Whether it was analyzing freshman football games that his son coached at Pothill High School, watching game film, attending his grandson's practices, talking to coaches, facilitating production meetings, his preparation was unparalleled. He had a lot of time to prepare as he traveled the country to and from games coast to coast, first on Amtrak trains and later the Madden Cruiser bus.

John Madden loved people, and the people loved John Madden. John Madden stopped throughout 48 of the continental United States at a number of diners, drive-ins, and dives before that was even a TV show, and he shared his story and countless meals with hundreds and thousands of Americans.

Speaking of meals, Madden became a part of every American families' Thanksgiving tradition as he would broadcast a game every year from 1980 to 2009. He literally termed the meal "turducken," a combination of turkey stuffed with duck stuffed with chicken.

Even as his health declined in recent years, he would still raise money at home to support high school football programs throughout his hometown region of the Tri-Valley as well as various local charities through the annual Madden-Mariucci Bocce Tournament. He also continued to advocate for measures to increase safety in the game of football that he loved so much, with a focus on youth football.

Whether you talk about his coaching career, broadcasting career, video games, or various commercials, his greatest legacy to those who knew him was that he achieved national fame but remained one of us. He stated at his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction in 2006 that he never worked a day in his life and that he was one of the luckiest men alive.

But the lucky ones are all of us who had the privilege of laughing, learning, and sharing his passions for football and life.

The first time I met John Madden was about 10 years ago. We were at a barbecue in a friend's backyard. He said to me: ERIC, things are pretty screwed up back there in Congress.

He didn't use the word "screwed." I looked at him and said: Coach, I will try to do better.

He said: Do better. Just try to find the deals.

Things have been pretty tense around this place over the last 10 years, but I

am happy that I am about to yield right now to my friend, RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, a Raiders fan.

Coach, I don't know how many deals we can find right now, but RODNEY and I have a deal today that we think you are the greatest. We think you have inspired millions. The game of football and the country is better because you coached it, and you taught all of us.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS), my Republican friend.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague from California. It was 10 years ago when we all came in as brand-new freshmen. One of the first questions I asked any of my colleagues from the State of California when I got here was: Are you a Raiders fan?

Today, we are all Raiders fans, but just so everybody knows, he is a 49ers fan. That is okay.

As my friend says, there is a lot of disagreement in this place. He and I don't agree on a lot of issues that are coming in front of this institution during this week or the upcoming weeks or, frankly, the past few years. But we are here all together to celebrate the life of a man who had an impact on all of us in this great Nation, especially on a young Raiders fan who became that Raiders fan when I lived in the State of Iowa.

Anyone who knew me as I was growing up knows that there is only one football team that I root for, and that is the Oakland Raiders, then the Los Angeles Raiders, then the Oakland Raiders, and now the Las Vegas Raiders.

Most people in this country know John Madden as that broadcaster. This is the guy who actually broadcast professional football games on every single television network. What a feat that is. People knew him for being afraid to fly and driving a bus, talking about food, and writing with the little scribbler pen on the screen. What they don't know about John Madden is that his life was football before he became that broadcaster.

He helped make my life about football because, one day on January 9, 1977, my family, as I was 7 years old, sat down to watch the Super Bowl. It was the first football game I had ever watched in my life.

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Now, many people who know me are not going to be surprised by this. Everybody else in my house was rooting for the Vikings, so I had to be obstinate and say: I guess I am going to root for the Raiders.

What I saw in that game was something that I still have never forgotten. I didn't know who John Madden was, but I learned about what he meant to that team. All I knew was there was a great team led by a great quarterback, Ken Stabler, whom John Madden allowed to call his own plays.

Madam Speaker, can you imagine that in today's day and age, allowing

the quarterback to call their own plays?

Bill Belichick probably is having a seizure right now thinking about that. There is no way they are going to let people call their own plays. But John Madden believed in his players, and those players believed in him. They went out there, and they did their job that day.

I was hooked, watching Jack Tatum knock Sammy White's helmet off in an incomplete pass. I knew when I got to play football, I had to play defensive back. That was the coolest thing I had ever seen in my life. Ever since that day, there were Raider shirts, Raider pajamas, and Raider helmets. I actually still have my first one that I used to use in grade school, and it still has No. 30 on the back because my hero growing up was Mark van Eeghen, the fullback for the Raiders.

My good friend and colleague BURGESS OWENS, who played on the next Super Bowl team, not for Coach Madden, but for Coach Flores, actually has promised me a chance to meet Mr. van Eeghen, so I am going to take him up on that. But to hear BURGESS talk about stories of being a Raider, it is what John Madden, Al Davis, and the Al Davis family built and the entire Raiders organization built that made players want to come to Oakland and be a part of that winning atmosphere.

John Madden helped create that winning atmosphere. Players like Ken Stabler, Mark van Eeghen, BURGESS OWENS, Jack Tatum, George Atkinson, Otis Sistrunk, Dave Casper, Fred Biletnikoff, Cliff Branch, you name it, Madam Speaker, they were there, and they created that atmosphere.

But they needed a leader, and that leader in the 1976 season leading up to January 1977 was none other than John Madden, a great coach, a Hall of Famer. And from what I hear—because I never had the great chance to meet him—he was just a great person.

As time has worn on, I have gotten to know people in the Raiders organization, and they epitomize the same values John Madden did. When you look at what is happening right now with the leadership of Mark Davis; the president of the team, Dan Ventrelle, my good friend; and so many others, they are taking that same John Madden attitude. We saw what happened on Sunday when they willed themselves through great players and great leadership into the playoffs.

I know John Madden's family lit the flame that day in honor of Al Davis, and that flame was also lit that day in honor of John Madden. I am so glad the Raiders had a victory. I wish them well.

Go Raiders. This week, beat the Bengals. And let's never forget the impact of John Madden.

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Illinois for that very personal tribute. I grew up the only 49ers fan in an all-Raiders household, so there is a lot of influence there on me, and rightfully so.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SWALWELL. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Weren't the Raider fans Republicans, too?

Mr. SWALWELL. Yes, of course. And I was the only Giants fan in an all-A's household, the only 49ers fan in an all-Raiders household, and the only Democrat in an all-Republican household, so outnumbered in every way. But my mom and dad loved John Madden in the way you just described him because of what he taught all of us.

I thank the gentleman for coming down with his helmet, and I think we are all rooting for a Raiders win this weekend.

Madam Speaker, I yield to my colleague from the Central Valley of California, who I believe will tell us that Mr. Madden had almond orchards in his district.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA).

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague ERIC SWALWELL, RODNEY DAVIS, and JERRY MCNERNEY. I think we are all here to celebrate a life well-lived.

Coach John Madden had such an extraordinary career in so many different areas that I think reflected, with all of that fame and all of that success, a common touch, a common touch that we honor today.

I don't think there is anything difficult about being a Raider fan from California and being a 49er fan because the Raiders played in the AFC and the 49ers played in NFC. I think we have had a good run here for many decades because of those two incredible franchises. The same could be said for the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's.

But as a kid, John Madden was a hero of mine. He actually started in a very humble way playing at Cal Poly. Cal Poly's program was a smaller collegiate program in those days.

Sadly, there was a plane crash in 1961 that took place. Madden was able to avoid that disaster. I think that probably brought about his fear of flying for the rest of his life. But he never forgot Cal Poly, and he continued to support the university as he supported so many worthwhile causes, whether it was athletics in Pleasanton and East Bay or whether it was other important efforts.

As my friend noted, I don't know whether his record will ever be topped, with 103 victories, 32 losses, and 7 ties, a regular-season record, and the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl.

What a lot of people don't realize, Madam Speaker, unless you are from California, is the San Joaquin Valley that I have the honor and privilege to represent has always had a large group of Raider Nation fans there. Tom Flores, who was born in Fresno and raised in Sanger, the first Hispanic quarterback in the NFL, was succeeded by

Daryle Lamonica, who was at Clovis and was a quarterback for the Raiders.

I think the Raiders have something that they really focus on, and they want their quarterbacks from the valley because Derek Carr is a Fresno State guy and, of course, had that great victory Sunday. We hope that continues through the post-season.

I was talking to Coach Flores, who was just inducted into the Hall of Fame—long overdue. Coach Flores was a valley guy. After he quit, after he retired as quarterback, he came back to the Raiders and coached as an assistant coach with Tom Flores. He talks about what kind of atmosphere Coach Madden had in the Raiders organization, and the players loved him. He said that when you have assistant coaches, you have rivalries, and you have coaches who want to then move on to become their own head coach. But he said that Madden had a great way. They would sometimes argue a difference on a game plan, but Coach Flores said that, in his opinion, Coach Madden, over the years and decades that he played in the NFL and coached, was a great game-day coach. In other words, the players not only trusted and had faith in him, but when they developed the plan to go out on that field on that Sunday afternoon, as the dynamics were changing and shifting, Madden's focus on the ability to be flexible and to make those adjustments were a large degree of his success as a head coach.

From one Hall of Fame head coach to another Hall of Fame head coach, I think that is an incredible compliment, and it reflects both on Coach Tom Flores and Coach John Madden.

I would be remiss if I didn't talk about the person who I think a lot of people know today, and that is Coach Madden, the man with a common touch. In his multitude of successes, he got involved in valley agriculture and got to know a number of my good friends in Merced in the area where he farmed grapes and almonds. Dan Fiahlo and a lot of the folks there used to love to get together with Coach Madden as well as with Dominic Mercurio from Cafe Fina on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.

What did these gentlemen all have in common?

First of all, Coach Madden would be a guy you would be attracted to because of his larger-than-life personality. But they loved the common touch. They loved the ability to grow things that people could consume, whether it be almonds or whether it be grapes, and the appreciation of the hard work it took to put that food on America's dinner table every night. So the love of food, for people who understood Coach Madden, was really part and parcel with his friends.

There was a card game for 27 years that Dominic Mercurio and Dan Fiahlo and others participated in, a legendary card game apparently that one could only hope to be a part of. Of course,

both Danny and Dominic loved to cook and were great barbecue extraordinaires, and Coach Madden would hang out at Cafe Fina where he first got to know Dominic for his legendary chowder, which developed into a regular fixture, so when Coach Madden was inducted in 2006, he asked restaurateur Dominic Mercurio of Cafe Fina, Danny Fiahlo, and their team if these folks would come back to do the barbecue. You have thousands of people for the Hall of Fame induction in August, but Madden had his plan, and they fed over 500 people.

And Coach Madden says: Look, we are going to do it this way.

He is giving instructions.

Everybody who comes, whatever they are going to eat, there is going to be a multitude of foods. There has to be enough for everybody, whether you want chicken, whether you want brisket, sausages, whatever.

What they did was, after they fed everybody, they had an abundance of food left over that they gave to the charities, to the churches.

But that is what Coach Madden did in all the things that he was a part of. If there was stuff left over, you give it back to other people who need it most.

I think that there are a lot of reasons why we honor Coach Madden here today and his incredible, celebrated career, but the common touch, the fact that whether he was in Los Banos, California, or in the upper crust, one might say, of Carmel-by-the-Sea, he was still the same person. He was Coach John Madden, whom you would love to have breakfast or lunch with, talk about football, talk about other things that were important, important to communities and neighborhoods, as he related to you as a Representative.

I am honored today to celebrate the life of an American who made a difference, who made a difference in so many different ways. He touched so many people in so many different ways because he knew people, and he liked people. That was evident in terms of any capacity that you ever came across John Madden with.

We celebrate that larger-than-life legend today. We see him as a role model who impacted people throughout California and throughout not only the professional football league and other professional sports but his understanding of collegiate sports because he came from that. His understanding that and making changes and protecting collegiate athletics was something that John Madden knew well.

I thank Congressman ERIC SWALWELL for allowing me to give my own thoughts about a person whom I will remember.

I can only close by saying one thing: Coach Madden, God bless you, and thank you for all you have done. Go Raiders.

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCNERNEY), who is my colleague from the bay area who represented

Coach Madden for many years before redistricting changed the districts in 2012. JERRY MCNERNEY is my neighbor and friend.

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Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for allowing me to speak today.

Madam Speaker, I rise and join my colleagues in honoring the late Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee, John Madden.

John Madden was a giant in the world of football who brought an appreciation and an understanding of the game into the homes of Americans.

Selected in the 21st round of the 1958 NFL draft, Madden suffered a severe knee injury during his rookie training camp, ending his pro football playing career when it was just getting started.

Undeterred by his injuries, Madden's love for the game of football propelled him to pursue a coaching career. In 1969, he was hired as the head coach for the Oakland Raiders, making him the youngest head coach in the NFL, with only 1 year of coaching experience.

Now, somebody saw something to promote him to head coach in just 1 year of coaching. As head coach, he amassed an incredible record of 103 regular season victories, with only 32 losses in 10 seasons. That gave him the second-highest winning percentage for NFL coaches.

Madden's ferocious will to win would not be denied in Super Bowl XI, the first Super Bowl championship for the silver and black.

While already a legendary Hall of Fame head coach, John Madden cemented his legacy as an icon of the sport from the broadcasting booth, becoming the first sports analyst to have worked all four of the "Big Four" U.S. television networks, and earning an incredible 16 Emmy awards.

With a career in professional football spanning 4 decades, very few have transcended generations the way John Madden has, and his legacy will live on forever in the memories of players, fans, friends, and through the memories made by millions who played the best-selling Madden NFL Football game.

On a personal note, I had the privilege of meeting John Madden and, yes, he was kind, he was personable, and it is true, we all ate very well that day.

Not everyone gets to make a difference to so many people in this life, and John Madden was one of those people.

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, it is very evident from the tribute today across the aisle, and across California, that we grieve Coach Madden's loss, but we have all tremendously benefited as a country because he so humbly coached, and because when he interacted with everyday Americans, he treated everyone with respect, and he treated everyone the same.

So to the Madden family, we grieve with you. And to Coach, rest in peace, to a great coach.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

A RESOLUTION TO HUMBLE OURSELVES AND ENTREAT WISDOM FROM GOD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. RODGERS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a resolution. I do not offer this resolution on my own behalf. I offer it as a representative of the people of the United States, to formalize the unspoken sentiments and concerns that abound in our Nation right now. Any authority I have is given to me by the people.

And this is what we believe:

Our Nation is unique. It is distinctive, exceptional. American exceptionalism is too often misunderstood to mean something that it is not. It does not mean justification to dominate or condescend to other nations, or indulgent flattery to ourselves that we are better. It does not mean that we are a chosen people, or that circumstances give us privilege to circumvent law. Our Nation is bound by the same universal moral principles that must bind and shape the behaviors of all civilized nations. In this regard, we are all the same, as nations, and yet, we are different, very different in a very important way.

It is not wealth or military power that makes us exceptional. It is not our institutions nor the genius of our written Constitution or our Bill of Rights; not directly. These are manifestations of something more fundamental and profound.

Our exceptionalism is based on something else, a singular belief, a proposition you might call it, a proposition underlying all legal and constitutional beliefs. Our assertions of human equality and unalienable rights: life, liberty, and the right to pursue happiness, the right to find meaning and purpose and value in our individual lives, derives from a single assertion—that life, given to us by Creator God, is the moral basis of the unshakeable bedrock of our Republic.

That proposition, the thing that makes us distinctive, is that we believe a Creator God endowed us with rights. Not just us. Everybody, everywhere. It is a gigantic revolutionary belief, and it is a belief. It is our faith statement.

It is what speaks to the soul of our Nation.

There are many great and ancient nations that believe in freedom as we do. Most countries in the world claim the rule of law and have written constitutions. Many of us use the language of rights and equality and declare for human dignity. But none have a coherent basis for doing so. We alone occupy that space. God gave us rights; made us in His image and, therefore, demonstrated all human beings are created equal, even the unborn, from conception. The poor, the infirm, the old, the weak, all colors and kinds, all races, all of us, are endowed by the Creator equally because we are made in His image.

Without this fundamental belief, rights become only social protocol, conventions, historic inheritances, creatures of state citizenship, class, identity and features of consensus. They become malleable and fading creatures in the capricious hands of willful men.

But America is different. God endowed us with rights, and that belief is either true or it is false. If it is false, then we Americans, among all mankind, are most to be pitied. The experiment must fail. It cannot and must not succeed.

But if it is true, then we have built our country on a foundation that cannot be shaken, if we are true to it, we are anchored in the eternal bedrock of all truths. As Lincoln said: "As a nation of free men we will live forever or die by suicide."

To those who are given much, much is expected.

And somewhere, deep down inside ordinary Americans know this. It is the air that we breathe.

Only we ourselves can end this great experiment. There are no external mortal forces that can overcome the bulwarks of that eternal truth.

And therefore, what we believe matters, Madam Speaker. Our invisible immaterial beliefs are the strength of our national soul. The things that we hold on to and serve are the foundations of our institutions, our laws, our liberty, and the hope of our Nation.

When the Founders established this Republic 250 years ago, and created the institutions that guide us, they were well aware that those institutions were insufficient in themselves to govern a free people. The lifeblood and the heartbeat of the Nation is moral character, not the institutions. Not the institutions, or even the laws themselves. For laws and institutions are corruption without the rectitude and wisdom of a moral, decent people. Without the people bracing themselves to wisdom and the holdfasts of character, our institutions have no power to preserving us.

If the people ever lose their love of truth, justice, goodness, and the efflorescence of beauty that flourishes in them, there can be no hope in the parchment barriers of a Constitution,

or the institutions created by it; no matter how noble that hope is. In effect, everything rises and falls in our Republic as a consequence of the character of the people.

As a Nation, we live or die by the standards of our own moral character. The Founders knew this, but many of us know we are forgetting it.

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

John Adams wrote that to the militia of Massachusetts. What he is saying is this: The power of the State is not secured by the power of arms. It is anchored in the honesty and decency of the people.

Today, this may seem a quaint notion. I hope it is not. But the Founders who experimented in government to create a just and free society understood explicitly that freedom and justice are not the products of institutions, but, rather, institutions that defend freedom and justice are the product of a moral people.

Freedom cannot exist without morality. George Washington understood this. John Adams understood this. Abraham Lincoln understood this. Dr. Martin Luther King understood this. I believe this, not because they believed it, but because it is true. I believe that most Americans understand this.

When we drift from the Creator, we drift from the source of our own liberty. When we forget our duties to God, we forget our duties to each other. When we become proudful and lazy and forget the father of all rights, we become orphans of oppression. We are lost without the guiding hand of the Almighty.

It may seem that Congress is not the place to introduce an appeal to God. I disagree. Insofar as all our rights and all our institutions are based upon the presumption of a just and Almighty God, and since this Congress itself rests upon the foundation that our Creator gave us the right to govern ourselves, to quote my hero, Abraham Lincoln: "It is altogether fitting and proper that we do this."

It is precisely because of America's distinctive belief that I rise in this House to offer a resolution to humble ourselves and entreat wisdom from God, the Father of all blessings and mercy; a resolution of contrition, prayer, and fasting; a resolution in the great tradition of our free people.

We have, as His guidance many times before, a resolution to return to the wellspring of liberty and our rights; a resolution to depart from iniquity and entreat His guidance; a prayer that we remember Him as the Father of every good thing that we have, and every-

thing as a Nation and people we aspire to be.

Whereas, We the People of the United States of America continue our search for a more perfect union and;

Whereas, we are a people conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all are created equal, yet like in the days of Abraham Lincoln, when he observed that "We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied, and enriched, and strengthened us;"

Whereas, "We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own;"

Whereas, we confess we are self-consumed, prideful, and unloving, quick to point out the speck in another person's eye while missing the log in our own;

Whereas, we are trusting in our wealth and skill, and leaning on our own understanding;

Whereas, we have become ungrateful, lovers of pleasure, stubborn, hard-hearted, divisive, and unforgiving;

Whereas, we confess that instead of speaking of forgiveness, we cry out for vengeance. We have allowed the poisonous root of bitterness to grow up and trouble us;

Whereas, the global pandemic of COVID-19 has intensified fear, unknowns, chaos, and confusion;

Whereas, the impact of lockdowns and isolations has been severe, further exacerbating the breakdown of mental health, families, communities, and our Nation;

Whereas, we are divided, perhaps like we haven't seen since the Civil War, when Abraham Lincoln, President Abraham Lincoln, by faith, prayed, saying:

May we again devote ourselves to prayer and acknowledge as a people and as a Nation our dependence upon the overruling power of God. Let us confess our sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with the assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon;

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Whereas, by faith, at the 1787 Constitutional Convention, when the outlook looked grim, Benjamin Franklin appealed to the delegates and urged prayer, asking: "I have lived a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?" and

Whereas, during World War I and at the signing of the Armistice, President Wilson proclaimed: "Complete victory . . . God has indeed been gracious, let us thank him." and

Whereas, this year marked the 80th anniversary of the initial National Bible Week declaration made by President Franklin D. Roosevelt just weeks before the start of World War II; and

Whereas, George Washington Carver, born a slave during the Civil War, tes-

tified in 1921 in front of the House Ways and Means Committee expounding on the myriad of ingenious uses for the peanut transforming the economy and which had been revealed to him by faith as he regularly walked through the woods at 4 a.m., and

Whereas, President John F. Kennedy said: "The guiding principle of this Nation has been, is now, and ever shall be 'In God We Trust,'" and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., encouraged to us "Pray daily to be used by God in order that all men might be free,"

Therefore, be it resolved by those assembled, we pray that in this hour of our great need, our Sovereign God will come and do again as He has done in days gone by; we pray for a time of healing from our brokenness, broken lives, broken families, broken communities, and broken systems.

We resolve to humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, turn from our wicked ways, and thank and praise the God of our ancestors who has given us wisdom and strength and who controls the course of events; and

Therefore, it behooves us to call upon the people of our Nation to humble ourselves before our Creator and acknowledge our complete dependence upon Him, to repent of our pride and selfishness, and to ask the Lord to break our hearts for the things that break His heart;

That we may not miss hearing His voice, and that He will pour out His spirit, once again, on our Nation and leaders; and

We proclaim a year of National Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer. What might God do in the next 365 days if we commit to reading His Word daily and praying together for our Nation? In our families? For the young generation, this generation in misery and despair? We are expectant that He will do immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine and that He will hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land. May He be as original with us as He has been with others. Amen.

THE FENTANYL CRISIS IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to come to the floor this afternoon about a topic I wish we didn't have to address. This is the plague in our country of fentanyl and fentanyl overdoses that so many families throughout this country have had to deal with.

Coming from Ohio, we have, unfortunately, been on the front-end of the opiate crisis. We have been on the front-end of the heroin crisis. And now we are on the front-end of the fentanyl crisis.

I have a picture here of Rachel, who is from Akron, Ohio, who died at 17

years old. Her life was tragically cut short because she took a fatal overdose of cocaine that was unknowingly laced with the synthetic opioid carfentanil.

Carfentanil, for those of you who haven't been paying close enough attention to all of these issues, is 100 times more potent than fentanyl and 10,000 times more potent than morphine.

So we have young, talented, beautiful people—in this case, a high school student—who had so much promise, so much life, so much personality. I speak with her mom often and listen to stories about and see pictures of this beautiful young woman.

Now, her mom, Cindy, carries on her daughter's legacy, providing peer-to-peer programming at local schools and in the local community.

We failed Rachel. This country failed Rachel and her mom and her family and all of the families across this country.

We thought we had at one point enough attention on the issue of opioids, on the issue of heroin, now on the issue of fentanyl. Then the pandemic came, and this issue has been on the back burner.

My remarks here today on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, one of the greatest deliberative bodies in the entire world, are to try to bring attention to this issue, to try to scream from the rafters so that we don't have any more Rachels, we don't have any more families that have to experience the heartache, the tragedy, the gut-wrenching experiences that so many families have had over the past few years.

This is something that we can do. Think about this: 80 percent of the overdoses in Ohio are from fentanyl.

The fentanyl starts in China, it goes to Mexico to get processed, and then it comes over the border. So as a country, we have to focus—and I will give the Biden administration a credit. We have seen progress in this regard. We have seen progress. We have seen an increase in people getting busted at the border, which is appropriate, but we have a long, long way to go.

We need an awareness campaign across the country so that young kids, who otherwise would make a simple mistake and now it ends their life, that they know, that their peers know, that their schools know. There is not a corner of Ohio, Madam Speaker, that I can go to that I won't meet families who have experienced this kind of tragedy.

It is incumbent upon us. As one of the co-chairs of the Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus, we have been dealing with this in a bipartisan way. We passed the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, the CARA Act, in a bipartisan way.

We know that there are so many issues we can fight about. There are so many issues we can argue about here in this body. But I hope and pray that one of them isn't this issue that we need to address collectively here in the United States Congress.

We need to, I think, begin by going back to the opiate issue, going back to the Sackler family, going back to all the profits that were made off of getting so many millions of Americans hooked on opiates, hooked on painkillers, and merge that in with a broken economy where there is so much hopelessness in so many quarters of the United States, where so many communities have been disinvested in, deindustrialized, left to rot. Then you have families that are knowingly increasing the amount of opiates, playing with the FDA, going through the loopholes, which is what the Sackler family has done. They need to be punished to the point where they don't get the right to the deal that they want, Madam Speaker; they don't get the right to the deal that they want, because that is how it has been in the United States.

If you are a wealthy corporation, you can get away with just about anything. If you are a rich person in the United States, it almost doesn't matter what crime you commit; you are going to get away with it.

But, meanwhile, in Youngstown, Ohio; Steubenville, Ohio; Portsmouth, Ohio; or Akron, Ohio, it trickles down. It has been those communities who have suffered greatly, including Dayton, Ohio, because of this epidemic.

Over the holidays, my wife and I were able to watch an amazing documentary on Hulu called "Dopesick," with Michael Keaton, Rosario Dawson, and others, that went through the Sackler family approach to painkillers. It was set in Virginia. Michael Keaton is from western PA and a graduate of Kent State in Ohio. They were highlighting Virginia, but this is an issue everywhere, where these good and honest and decent people found themselves getting hooked because of the wealth and profits that one family wanted to earn on the backs of the American people.

So here we are today. We need to make sure that the Sackler families of the world are punished and put out of business, quite frankly, and we need to also make sure that we begin to take the bold steps we need to take to make sure that the Rachels and the other kids and the other people across this country, to the tune of a 100,000 deaths last year, because of fentanyl.

So I believe we need to take a firmer stance. While I support what the Biden administration has done, we need to go a hell of a lot further. I believe we need to start having a conversation in this country, knowing that China knows that they are sending fentanyl to Mexico that makes its way into the United States, that they need to be punished with tariffs. They need to be punished. They are killing our kids. This is killing our kids.

We can't just stand around. We need to take the money from the tariffs, support our border, support the cops who are on the beat in these different communities. We need to put that

money towards addiction treatment, to make sure everybody can get better if they have got some issue, and we need to grow the economy in these communities.

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But we can't just stand by and hope this problem goes away, because it is not. It will get worse, and there will be more families, more destruction, more hopelessness, more ruined lives.

As we are trying to compete against China economically, we need to make sure that Rachel and these other young, bright minds are on the economic field playing for the United States of America. That is what this is all about.

So we have to have a whole-of-government approach. We have a whole-of-government approach when it comes to the pandemic, right? The only way you can have any success is when you have a whole-of-government approach. This means Federal, State, and local coordination. This means coordination with nonprofits. This means coordination with law enforcement. This means coordination with the Border Patrol.

This is about us all coming together. You can't tell me we don't have the imagination in the United States to figure this out. This is about making it a priority.

What I am doing here tonight, and what many activists across the country are doing, is trying to get this back on the front burner because other than a few articles in the paper, it has been on the back burner.

We need to make sure we increase the resources necessary to keep this garbage out of our country or to know who has it the second they bring it in here. We have to make sure all of our kids are aware that this could be put in cocaine or meth or something else and that if you have an issue with drugs, you can actually get the treatment that you need and that no one is priced out of the market so that they can get better and get healthy and become self-sufficient and become good citizens and members of society and off to the races we go to try to outcompete China because we care about our citizens. That is what this is all about.

You are going to be hearing a lot from me in the coming weeks and months. We are building a coalition of the families around Ohio and across the country who want to begin to move this issue forward.

I do want to take a minute or two to talk about the power of fentanyl. I mentioned carfentanil. But 1 kilogram of fentanyl—1 kilogram; 1—has the potential to kill 500,000 people.

The money that is being made off of this substance will blow your mind, which is why it continues to come over the border from China, from Mexico. Much of the fentanyl comes through the southern border that is being looked at by the cartels. A lot of the China-sourced fentanyl comes through the international mail, and some comes from China through Canada.

As I said, fentanyl is responsible for 80 percent of Ohio's overdose deaths. Roughly 79 percent of meth, cocaine, psychostimulant overdose deaths in Ohio were from supplies contaminated with fentanyl. The pervasiveness of fentanyl contaminating other drugs has made overall fatality rates for all drugs much higher than before, and we are seeing it across the board.

We have the STOP Fentanyl Act. We have legislation with ANNIE KUSTER and others. There is a Manchin-Portman bill in the Senate, which permanently makes fentanyl-related substances a schedule I controlled substance. This is something that we have to address, and we have to address it in a bipartisan manner.

I would just like to say, lastly, Madam Speaker, that these parents have been through the ultimate tragedy. Having to put one of your own kids to rest, there is no greater heartbreak. There is nothing worse that could happen to a parent.

So I am pledging, and I know other Members are pledging, to keep up the fight because, as some of these parents have told me, there is nothing left to lose for them. These parents have had their hearts ripped out of their bodies. They live with the pain every day. They wake up in the middle of the night and open their eyes and hope it was a nightmare, open their eyes in the morning and hope it didn't really happen, that they could walk down the hall and their kid would still be lying in their bed.

There is nothing more inspiring than seeing these giants, these parents who are taking their pain, taking their experience, taking their heartache and are saying: We have to fight. We can't let this happen to another parent, to another brother or sister, to another family member.

People like Cindy started Rachel's Angels, which is a group back in Akron, Ohio, and there are so many groups across the country that have sprung up because of these tragedies. We want to unite these groups. We want to take the fight to the American people, to Congress, here in the House and in the Senate, and get the resources we need to make sure that these overdose deaths stop, that the companies producing these kinds of drugs get punished, that the people peddling this stuff get punished, and that we get the resources we need to keep this garbage out of our country.

While this may be the first time this year that I stand up and speak on this topic, it will not be the last. We are encouraging everybody, Madam Speaker, to reach out to their Members of Congress, whether they are Democrats or Republicans, and let's get this issue of fentanyl deaths back on the front burner of the agenda here in the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S ABOLITIONIST HEROES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 30 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, today is a very special day. I want to thank my good friend and colleague, Congressman BURGESS OWENS and I are leading the charge here in Congress to tell the courageous stories of America's abolitionist heroes, particularly those from upstate New York.

It was an honor for me to welcome Burgess recently, in October, to upstate New York to tour our region's sacred abolitionist sites, including the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark and the National Abolition Hall of Fame in Peterboro, as well as the home of abolitionist, suffragette, and true American heroine Harriet Tubman.

Opposite me, there is a photo here of Gerrit Smith. This is a picture of Gerrit Smith from Peterboro. Peterboro is named after his father, a guy named Peter Smith, and I just wanted to tell a little bit about how this all happened in Peterboro, New York. I am sure a lot of people don't know the history.

It all kind of started with an abolitionist named Reverend Henry Highland, who told his good friend Frederick Douglass, when describing Peterboro, New York—which, by the way, I am honored to represent here in Congress. Many people don't even realize this little hamlet of Peterboro, up in bucolic Madison County, which happens to be my mother's home county, played a vitally important role during the abolitionist movement.

This was in large part due to one of its most famous residents, Gerrit Smith. As I said, the little hamlet of Peterboro was named in honor of his father.

Mr. SMITH was a successful businessman and a committed philanthropist. He previously served this body, actually, as a Representative from New York's 22nd Congressional District, the same district that I currently represent. He was also a three-time Presidential candidate.

Gerrit Smith always opposed slavery, but he firmly joined the political cause of abolitionism in 1835. He was at a meeting of about 600 abolitionists in a church in the nearby city of Utica, which is in Oneida County. Upon learning of the meeting, a violent mob

stormed the church and disrupted the proceedings, forcing the abolitionists to flee.

Smith realized then that he could put his wealth and property to use. He invited the abolitionists to his home in Peterboro. A year later, he was elected president of the New York State Anti-Slavery Society. The rest, as they say, is history. We are going to tell you a little bit about that today with Congressman OWENS.

In Smith's view, slavery was completely incompatible not only with our founding documents but also with the natural laws of God. We were born free, and no law or institution could take away another man or woman's innate right to freedom.

From 1835 until his death in 1874, Gerrit Smith dedicated his whole heart to the abolitionist cause, and Peterboro was his base of operation. Giants like Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Elizabeth Cady—eventually Stanton, whose husband, Henry Stanton, was actually a cousin of Smith's—spent considerable time there, strategizing and mobilizing support.

Gerrit Smith played a key role in funding abolitionist causes across our country. Smith maintained a lifelong friendship with Frederick Douglass and provided funding and other support to *The North Star*, which was Douglass' abolitionist newspaper. In today's terms, Gerrit Smith would be considered a billionaire, and he gave what then was \$100 a month to Frederick Douglass' cause to pay for his newspaper, which in today's dollars, with inflation, would be about \$7,000 per month to make sure that this newspaper was able to continue to thrive and flourish and inform people.

In a letter from Douglass following Smith's death in 1874, Douglas credited Smith's generous support as the financial engine that kept his abolitionist movement going.

Smith's estate in Peterboro was also a stop along the Underground Railroad. As enslaved people made their way north to Canada, Smith would offer them shelter, food, and support. Exact numbers are hard to come by, but it is safe to say Smith bought and helped secure the freedom of hundreds of enslaved people from around the country.

This is why Reverend Henry Highland said: "There are yet two places where slaveholders cannot come, Heaven and Peterboro." Peterboro was synonymous with freedom.

Just a short drive from Gerrit Smith's estate in upstate New York is the home of another titan of the abolitionist movement, the great Harriet Tubman. Like Congressman OWENS, this was my first visit to Harriet Tubman's home in Auburn. I want to show you a little picture of mighty Harriet Tubman, who is an amazing figure. I may have to go back to some of these. This is a great photo of Congressman OWENS and me at Harriet Tubman's

home in Auburn, New York, where we were able to tour and see where she lived and where she operated her Underground Railroad, right in our own communities.

This was an amazing experience. I was in awe of Harriet Tubman, her accomplishments, and her tenacity. She had every reason to be in despair. She was strong; she was compassionate; she was generous; and she was only 4'11", which is amazing.

The home we visited was where Harriet spent her later years, after she escaped slavery in Maryland, served as a conductor of the Underground Railroad, and then a scout, spy, and nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War.

Harriet lived for almost a century. She was 91, almost 92 years old. She was an indomitable force. She was the first Black woman to lead a combat assault, organizing about 150 Black Union troops on a raid in South Carolina. She later freed 750 enslaved people as part of that operation.

She suffered from narcolepsy her adult life after being hit by a metal weight when she was a teenager. Despite this, she persevered. She brought at least 70 slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad and never lost a single passenger.

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At her core, Harriet was a woman of compassion. In her later years she helped so many who came through her home in Auburn providing them shelter, medical attention, and love.

Despite the obstacles she faced, Harriet Tubman never gave up, nor was she ever consumed by anger or cynicism. She led with integrity and was incredibly resilient, and she is certainly an amazing role model for all of us.

It was important to tell Gerrit Smith's story and Harriet Tubman's stories, and now more than ever we must understand our shared history and learn from those who came before us.

Our great Nation was founded on the promise that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. No other republic before ours guaranteed such rights to its citizens. In fact, before America, there were no citizens at all, only subjects.

Yet in the earliest days of our Nation's founding, it is clear we failed to live up to our ideals. We failed to end the slave trade or to free those who were tied down in bondage. While this grave mistake will forever be part of our history, so, too, will be the courageous stories of Gerrit Smith, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and so many more Americans of different races, creeds, and religions who fought for a better America.

Gerrit Smith and Harriet Tubman personify the spirit of America, and their stories should be a lesson to all of

us. Their tenacity, their relentlessness, and their pursuit of ideals are everything that we strive to be as Americans.

As Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas recently said, While we as Americans have failed to live up to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence time and again, there is no time in our history when those ideals themselves have actually failed us. The Declaration and its principles endure because they articulate a fundamental truth that all people are born free and equal.

Like Gerrit and Harriet did as citizens of this country we must commit ourselves to the great American project of making sure we live up to our ideals. These ideals are sacred, and the abolitionists who gathered in Peterboro changed the world and they were the authors of our future, and we must thank God that we have the freedom to fight every day to strengthen our institutions and make this a much more perfect Union.

Madam Speaker, I want to end by thanking those who made our recent visit possible and welcomed Congressman OWENS and I on that cold day in October before I yield to him, but I just want to recognize these great people who spend and devote their life to this history.

First is Norman Dann. He was one of our tour guides at Peterboro and the author of "Practical Dreamer, Gerrit Smith and the Crusade for Social Reform."

Alden Max Smith, another one of our guides, as well as the cabinet member of the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum, which is also in Peterboro.

Dorothy Willsey, another fantastic tour guide and president of the National Abolition Hall of Fame.

John Becker, chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors for meeting us there and also for making this all possible.

Cliff Moses, vice-chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

Mary Cavanaugh, city of Oneida, wards 1, 2, 3 supervisor, who also greeted us there and toured with us.

Yvonne Nirelli, the former supervisor of the Town of Lincoln, who also greeted us and toured with us.

Matt Roberts, city of Oneida supervisor for wards 1, 2, and 3, another person who came to tour with us and was fascinated again by this amazing little hamlet in upstate New York.

Matthew Urtz, our Madison County historian, who was completely intrigued and so excited to welcome the great BURGESS OWENS, who is going to be talking a little more on this today.

Karol Kucinski, trustee at the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum.

And Nell Ziegler, the President of the Smithfield Community Association and owner and manager of the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark.

For more information about the Gerrit Smith Estate and the beautiful hamlet of Peterboro, I encourage you to visit www.gerritsmith.org.

I also want to thank Karen V. Hill, president and CEO of the Harriet Tubman Home, as well as our fantastic tour guides who shared their knowledge and passion with us again on this beautiful cold day.

There it is again, this photo of our tour of Peterboro. It was wonderful to have BURGESS OWENS there, a really special moment for all of us.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS), who I think this was a great experience for him. I think he never realized what existed up in upstate New York. And that is why we want everyone in the world to know just how important it is that we learn our history and we celebrate everyone who had a path and who had courage and who had the tenacity and the boldness to stand up for what was right against the grain at a very difficult time in our country. I have one little thing for you, too. I have a special Harriet Tubman pad for you I grabbed.

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

A couple months ago, as Claudia mentioned, my good friend from New York's 22nd District invited me for a tour of two of upstate New York's historic sites impacted by Harriet Tubman. Harriet has been one of my heroes since I was 12 years old in the seventh grade.

This was my first visit to Peterboro. What a remarkable experience it was to see firsthand the property of my longtime hero, someone who once was the property of someone else. I encourage everyone who visits the northeast to make this stop as part of your trip.

I thank my good friend for her invitation and for sharing this time as we discuss courageous Americans who understood the blessing of freedom.

I rise today to honor of the extraordinary life and unmatched legacy of Harriet Tubman, one of the most notable abolitionists in American history.

As many of you know, Harriet escaped the horrors of slavery and through her work during the abolitionary movement overcame unspeakable odds to secure the dreams of future generations.

My great-great-grandfather Silas Burgess came to America shackled in the belly of a slave ship. He was sold on an auction block in Charleston, South Carolina, to the Burgess Plantation. In his youth, he escaped to west Texas along the southwestern route of the Underground Railroad. He later became a successful entrepreneur, starting the first Black church, the first Black elementary school in his town and purchased 102 acres of farmland that he paid off in 2 years.

There are thousands upon thousands of untold stories of slavery to success all due to courageous conductors like Harriet Tubman. The true miracle of

the Underground Railroad though is something that most of us miss. It was total trust in faith between conductors like Harriet and the facilitators of the Freedom Railroad. Whether it was south to north or south to west, as with my great-great grandfather, White, Christian Americans took the great risk of reprisal from the prevalent KKK in their community as they opened up their barns, cellars, and food pantries to create a safe and secret route to freedom for over 100,000 slaves prior to the Civil War.

I have been inspired by the story of the American heart since I was 12 years old, growing up in my proud southern, segregated Black community.

Born enslaved in Maryland in 1822, Harriet spent her childhood as a nursemaid, field hand, cook, and wood cutter.

When Harriet was 12, it was reported that she refused to help an overseer punish another slave resulting in a severe injury when a 2-pound iron weight was thrown at her head. This caused her to suffer seizures and bouts of uncontrollable narcolepsy throughout her life.

Harriet married John Tubman, a free Black man, in 1844.

After rumors spread that Harriet was about to be sold, she fled to Philadelphia, then to Baltimore after returning to rescue her parents, sister, and two children.

Over the next decade, Harriet led dozens of these trips rescuing more than 70 slaves along the Underground Railroad. As the railroad's most famous conductor, it has been said that she never lost a passenger. In 1858, Harriet bought a small farm in upstate New York where her family resided, later to be named the Harriet Tubman Home.

During the Civil War, Harriet served Union forces as a scout, spy, nurse, cook, recruiter, and laundress. Under the command of Union Colonel James Montgomery, Harriet became the first woman to lead a major military operation in the United States when she and 150 African-American Union soldiers rescued about 700 slaves in the Combahee Ferry Raid.

After the Civil War, Harriet opened her home to serve orphans and the elderly. She joined Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony in their quest for women's suffrage. She believed in equal rights for everyone and lived a life of courage, serving others until around the age of 92.

I often say that the Black American history is so rich because of the heroes who have come before us, heroes like Harriet Tubman, Gerrit Smith, Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Lucretia Mott, and so many others who recognized injustice, strove to help their brothers and sisters, and dreamed of a world outside the chains of slavery. Each focused on building pockets of freedom that would soon spread throughout our country. It was a movement that has inspired untold millions around the world.

Indeed, we all stand on the shoulders of these great people who came before us, but the Black community, particularly my proud race, holds our ancestors especially dear. They fought hate, overcame the horrors of slavery, and on their backs built a world in which we can own and build our homes and businesses, get an education, worship our faith, vote, run for office, and stand on the floor of the House of Representatives, honoring the legacy of one of the most notable abolitionists in American history.

What a difference men and women pursuing their dreams in a free country can make. It is our responsibility to never forget or allow history to be erased as to what we the people have done together over our 240-year history. This as we continue to resolve to grow together as a more perfect Union.

I have just a few thoughts I want to leave you with before I conclude. And that is a little bit of the highlights of the good hearts of our American people. It is our Nation's mission statement that ends with the idea that we can have not only second chances but as an imperfect Union that we can become more of a perfect Union.

I start with my great-great grandfather Silas Burgess. To show what a more perfect Union looks like is the fact that he came to this country in the belly of a slave ship, lived through the evils of a plantation, and yet escaped by going west because of good Americans, German and Mexican Americans who opened up their homes and their barns and their fields to give him an opportunity to move forward and keep his hopes alive. And even though he saw the evils of being a slave, he saw the good hearts of these good Americans that led him to become a Christian, led him to be able to forgive, to build and serve instead of destroy.

I see the form of a more perfect Union with my dad in the fifties who came back from World War II and could not get his postgraduate degree in Texas because of Jim Crow laws, was able to go to Ohio State because some White administrator, who I will never know who that was, said yes and gave my father an opportunity to get his Ph.D., and again, to help form a more perfect Union.

I experienced this myself in the sixties when going to the University of Miami I was the fourth Black student to get a scholarship in the most southern school down south. At that time there was a commitment by the President, Henry Stanford, to end segregation and it allowed me to move forward based on my character versus the color of my skin.

I saw a more perfect Union in the seventies when a Jewish owner of the Oakland Raiders, Al Davis, committed to ending the Jim Crow barriers of the NFL and put meritocracy above color, and we had the first Hispanic quarterback, the first Hispanic coach, the first Black coach, the first female CEO because meritocracy has no color.

What we have seen in our country and we have to continue to remember is the power of we the people, the power of the team. We think about Harriet Tubman as a conductor, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King, all conductors. We have many conductors today throughout our country, and at the same time we have many more people who built our freedom highways and railroads.

We the people roll up our sleeves and give hope to others. We need to rediscover our history, remember the havens of Peterboro, places where Americans across this country, regardless of skin color, came together to allow others to have an opportunity to see what freedom is all about.

We can see those experiences in Booker T. Washington in Tuskegee in the early 1900s. We can see that experiments succeeded in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the early 1900s of Black Wall Street. And we can see it today throughout our country. We see it here in this House.

What we must remember is our past should give us hope for a much greater future, and we also must remember to sprint away from anyone who leaves us hopeless.

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for those great words and for bringing up so many people. And, again, our community was so honored to have you there.

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To have you at Peterboro and to have more people discover and have this audience around our country and the world watching know that there are great people out there that did care about the cause of freedom. You brought up Martin Luther King, and I always remember studying him when I was a college student, and just discovering his great relationship with Gandhi and talking about peace and peaceful protests and how important it was. And how that is a founding principle of our country.

Just to have you there in Peterboro meant so much. Everyone in Peterboro was so excited to have you there. People are recognizing that there are people that are not on everyone's radar, on the national radar, but there are people that have done great things, that are doing it quietly but they are doing it for a great cause.

And those little acts, like you just mentioned, the administrator that let your dad into Ohio State, you will never know who it was, but that person enabled us to have the great BURGESS OWENS here today.

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, if I can add to that, because I think the most important thing about our Nation is to remember our history, to really understand that we have within our hearts, because of our foundation, this desire to want others to succeed. We want to feel good that we have been part of something that makes a difference. And it is not just the 2000s, it is actually throughout our country's history.

And to know what happened, again, from my great grandfather, throughout our history, again we can find those moments in which we have helped each other. We have all given some credence, something given back to this country, the more we know about that, the more we will feel better about who we are today and our vision for the future. So we have to make sure we keep that in mind, for sure.

Ms. TENNEY. I agree. I think we have to focus on the people who are helping us, not the people who aren't. And I think that this is what we wanted to do today, and we are grateful to you to be able to focus on people who actually help, not the people tearing us down, the people trying to bring our country to its knees, but people trying to make us rise up and be better, and be a better America than we are today. And that is our striving for our future. That is what we want our children to be. We want America to be better for our children and our grandchildren.

And I think by recognizing that there were great people in our past who have done amazing things who never got the recognition, but often those people go unnoticed. And I think that is why it meant so much for us to have you there.

Madam Speaker, I urge anyone if you want to come up on a beautiful fall day, or you can come in the warm summer days, it is a little warmer—it is a little snowy right now—to come to visit Peterboro and meet with some of our great docents, who I mentioned in my remarks, who are studying and uncovering documents and trying to show the true history so we understand it and so we can learn from it.

Even though I had been to Peterboro when I was younger—I knew about it when I was a kid because it was my mom's home county—I never knew the depth of it, or I learned so much more just by that experience. And I am sure if I go again to the Abolitionist Hall of Fame, I think I would learn even more there. But just learning about Harriet Tubman and going to her house and being in the same room where you know that she was providing so much aid and comfort and love to people she didn't know but people she believed in and knew needed to understand and feel that taste of freedom, just standing there with you and the people that worked there and how much it meant to them, they conveyed that sort of, you know, that wonderful feeling to us as well.

So I feel like I just would love to have everyone come and have that experience. And anywhere else in the country, we would love to encourage our colleagues to come out and tell us about great experiences and great Americans that are out there that might not get the recognition. They might not be getting the clicks on twitter or Facebook or social media, but there are people out there doing great works and uncovering great heroism.

Mr. OWENS. If I could add a little about Peterboro. This was, again, a new experience for me. And what that particular place represented for so many Americans, particularly Black Americans, was a place of hope. They knew that once they got to Peterboro, they were literally very close to Canada, which was their, really, freedom. That was it.

They could then know they weren't going to be hiding and going through all the stealth and knowing they could be recaptured. So that hope is a big factor we talked about. And I hope that those that are listening to our conversation know that actually our country is built on that.

What we have done so far today is talked about what our country is capable of because we have done it in the past. And the more hope we can give to our fellow Americans that this is a country, the best in the history of mankind, that we can serve each other, that we can build, not destroy, and that we can become a much better country because that is actually within our mission statement, to be a more perfect union. And we can do that, and that is what we have done, again, very successfully.

I am just very excited to have this opportunity to spend this time with you. It was a great opportunity. I can't wait to get back. If I can say, for anyone who is listening, please check this place out. Harriet Tubman, as always, for many of us we know she is a hero, go to her place to see her property—a person that once was the property of someone else—her property and what she did and what she gave away to so many because she just loved the process of service. It was a great experience, and I can't wait to get back and check it out again.

Ms. TENNEY. We can't wait to have you back.

And also, I just think about that last moment when we were in Gerrit Smith Estate, in the barn. We went back in the barn and we saw these conditions where horses and mules were put, and that they actually had to hide people in there.

We came out of the barn, and there was this gleaming sunlight on us on that cold day. And I looked above, and there was a sign that said "Heaven in Peterboro," the two places where the slaves were safe and symbolized freedom.

So it was just an honor for me to represent the community. And then to have you standing there with that gleaming sunlight on us and knowing that so many people in our past, that was their gateway to freedom and gateway to finding a new life, I think it was a tremendous experience. We hope maybe you can come again and we can invite our colleagues and others to come and experience Peterboro.

Mr. OWENS. I would love to.

Ms. TENNEY. And Harriet Tubman's home, of course.

Mr. OWENS. If I could just leave one message as my last final word to those

who are watching. This country is a place that has thrived because people can envision themselves doing much, much better. And we do that when we, the people, get together and we really put our hearts and soul into making sure our next generation is a much better place than our time is, and we do that better than any other country.

I am thankful for the opportunity to visit the home of my hero since I was 12 years old, and that was kind of exciting to hear that you were that close to the area and to have the invitation to come up and see it. So thank you so much for that.

Ms. TENNEY. Yes, thank you. And what a great discovery it was, just sitting on the floor of the House Chamber, BURGESS and I. And I said, you have never been to Peterboro? How about this?

Who would think that I would be hosting a famous person like BURGESS OWENS, a hero in our communities, in my own little community, and that we would have that common bond with Harriet Tubman.

But we are grateful. We are just grateful for you and your service and everyone here. And I just hope that my colleagues and anyone who wants to join Peterboro—again, I hate to do too much of a pitch—but go to www.gerritsmith.org. It is an amazing place. It is humble, but it is just majestic and the accomplishments that were made in that wonderful place.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Mr. BURGESS, for joining us, and thank him for everything he has done, for standing courageously and boldly for our communities and for our country, and standing up for our Constitution and freedom. Because that is really what is going to unite us.

Let's talk about what unites us, not what divides us. We have a lot of great history that can really bring us together in the future. And so I thank you.

Mr. OWENS. Thank you so much. Exactly the same. We have a remarkable freshman team. I am so honored to be serving with you at this point. Let's keep this thing moving forward, for sure.

Ms. TENNEY. Thank you so much. The honor is all mine.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3088. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-266, "Alpha Phi Alpha Way Designation Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3089. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-267, "Jamal Khashoggi Way Designation Way Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3090. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-268, "Electronic Proof of License, Permit, or Identification Card Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3091. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-269, "John Lewis Elementary School Designation Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3092. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-270, "Tenant Safe Harbor Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3093. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-271, "Inspector General Oversight Consistency Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3094. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-272, "Medical Marijuana Patient Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3095. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-273, "Non-Public Student Educational Continuity Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3096. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-274, "Anti-SLAPP Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3097. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-275, "Analyzing Additional Emergency Procurement Activity Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3098. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-265, "Ward Redistricting Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 6371. A bill to address the needs of individuals with disabilities within the Jeanne

Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GALLEG0 (for himself, Mr. COLE, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ):

H.R. 6372. A bill to ensure that facilities of the Indian Health Service, facilities operated by an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or inter-tribal consortium, and facilities operated by an urban Indian organization receive items from the strategic national stockpile and qualified pandemic or epidemic products directly from the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Mr. CROW, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CICHLINE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. JONES, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. CORREA, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARSON, Ms. NEWMAN, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. FOSTER):

H.J. Res. 68. A joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to direct the President to issue an annual proclamation establishing Democracy Day; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida):

H. Res. 865. A resolution raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2022 as "National Stalking Awareness Month" to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 6371.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GALLEG0:

H.R. 6372.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. PHILLIPS:

H.J. Res. 68.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, Congress has the power to make all Laws which

shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 38: Mr. BILIRAKIS.
H.R. 58: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.
H.R. 82: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 310: Mr. WELCH.
H.R. 398: Mr. CLOUD.
H.R. 616: Ms. CHU.
H.R. 622: Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. ROSS, and Mr. GARAMENDI.
H.R. 708: Ms. BOURDEAUX.
H.R. 748: Mr. RUIZ, Mr. LAMB, and Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 783: Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 841: Mr. KHANNA and Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 849: Ms. BASS.
H.R. 1012: Mr. DONALDS and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.
H.R. 1198: Miss RICE of New York and Ms. SLOTKIN.
H.R. 1255: Ms. MATSUI, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. KATKO, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. HIMES, Ms. MANNING, Mr. STANTON, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. LUCAS.
H.R. 1263: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.
H.R. 1289: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 1304: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
H.R. 1316: Ms. PRESSLEY and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.
H.R. 1397: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. ADAMS, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.
H.R. 1486: Mr. DONALDS.
H.R. 1531: Mr. MANN and Mr. BUDD.
H.R. 1577: Mr. CICHLINE.
H.R. 1627: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. MENG, Mr. SWALWELL, and Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 1676: Mr. STANTON and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 1707: Mr. GOSAR.
H.R. 1859: Mr. CASTEN.
H.R. 1905: Mr. COHEN, Mr. NEAL, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. NEWMAN, Mrs. AXNE, and Ms. CHU.
H.R. 1978: Ms. BOURDEAUX and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
H.R. 1983: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.
H.R. 2003: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois and Mr. GOSAR.
H.R. 2004: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois and Mr. GOSAR.
H.R. 2026: Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 2047: Ms. VAN DUYN.
H.R. 2234: Mr. RUIZ.
H.R. 2255: Mr. SCHRADER.
H.R. 2307: Ms. HOULAHAN.
H.R. 2325: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.
H.R. 2354: Mr. MANN.
H.R. 2419: Mr. GOLDEN.
H.R. 2487: Mrs. LESKO.
H.R. 2517: Mr. REED, Mr. STEUBE, and Ms. BOURDEAUX.
H.R. 2542: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.
H.R. 2558: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.
H.R. 2565: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.
H.R. 2581: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.
H.R. 2616: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.
H.R. 2638: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. SUOZZI, and Ms. DEAN.
H.R. 2639: Mr. WALBERG.
H.R. 2759: Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 2773: Mr. SABLAN, Mrs. MCBATH, and Mr. YOUNG.
 H.R. 2807: Mrs. MURPHY of Florida.
 H.R. 2924: Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BASS, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. JACOBS of California, and Mr. COOPER.
 H.R. 3155: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
 H.R. 3172: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.
 H.R. 3337: Ms. ADAMS, Ms. MANNING, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. OMAR, and Mr. MCKINLEY.
 H.R. 3402: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Ms. WEXTON.
 H.R. 3460: Mr. CLOUD.
 H.R. 3488: Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. PORTER, and Mr. TAKANO.
 H.R. 3513: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
 H.R. 3519: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.
 H.R. 3525: Mr. GOMEZ and Mr. MCGOVERN.
 H.R. 3577: Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. NEAL, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.
 H.R. 3648: Ms. STANSBURY.
 H.R. 3686: Mr. LAMBORN and Ms. DEGETTE.
 H.R. 3783: Ms. UNDERWOOD and Ms. SPANBERGER.
 H.R. 3800: Mr. RUIZ.
 H.R. 3807: Mrs. SPARTZ and Mr. MRVAN.
 H.R. 3826: Ms. PINGREE.
 H.R. 3857: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin and Mr. EVANS.
 H.R. 3884: Mr. COSTA.
 H.R. 3897: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, and Mr. WELCH.
 H.R. 3988: Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. LYNCH.
 H.R. 4176: Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. RUIZ, and Ms. SCANLON.
 H.R. 4198: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
 H.R. 4286: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
 H.R. 4312: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.
 H.R. 4319: Mr. MALINOWSKI.
 H.R. 4385: Mr. YOUNG and Mr. CONNOLLY.
 H.R. 4407: Mr. AGUILAR.
 H.R. 4479: Ms. SEWELL.
 H.R. 4546: Mr. SUOZZI.
 H.R. 4552: Ms. SLOTKIN and Mr. COSTA.
 H.R. 4603: Mr. COHEN.
 H.R. 4609: Mr. TRONE and Ms. ROSS.
 H.R. 4750: Mr. SHERMAN.
 H.R. 4819: Mr. PHILLIPS.
 H.R. 4865: Ms. DEAN and Mr. HILL.
 H.R. 4880: Mrs. LESKO and Mr. KILMER.
 H.R. 4943: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. MENG, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
 H.R. 4944: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 4946: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
 H.R. 4951: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.
 H.R. 5062: Mr. GOOD of Virginia.
 H.R. 5145: Mr. HUFFMAN.
 H.R. 5162: Mr. CLYDE, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. STAUBER.
 H.R. 5232: Ms. CHU, Mr. HIMES, and Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.R. 5244: Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. MAST, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. CHU.
 H.R. 5261: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
 H.R. 5338: Ms. ESCOBAR and Ms. MENG.
 H.R. 5348: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
 H.R. 5370: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
 H.R. 5407: Mr. TORRES of New York.
 H.R. 5418: Mr. BILIRAKIS.
 H.R. 5430: Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. THOMPSON of California.
 H.R. 5483: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H.R. 5497: Ms. SALAZAR and Mr. CURTIS.
 H.R. 5524: Ms. DELBENE, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. BEYER.
 H.R. 5526: Ms. WILD.
 H.R. 5541: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
 H.R. 5556: Mr. DONALDS.
 H.R. 5577: Mr. OWENS and Mr. JACOBS of New York.
 H.R. 5580: Mrs. LURIA.
 H.R. 5625: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
 H.R. 5648: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
 H.R. 5663: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
 H.R. 5684: Ms. TITUS, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. SCHIFF.
 H.R. 5692: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
 H.R. 5754: Ms. WEXTON, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. JACOBS of New York, and Mr. MEIJER.
 H.R. 5757: Mr. KIM of New Jersey and Mr. COURTNEY.
 H.R. 5772: Mr. PHILLIPS.
 H.R. 5776: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.
 H.R. 5916: Mr. PAPPAS.
 H.R. 5922: Ms. ROSS.
 H.R. 5927: Mr. NEGUSE.
 H.R. 5963: Ms. BROWNLEY.
 H.R. 5999: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. COOPER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Mr. QUIGLEY.
 H.R. 6006: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.
 H.R. 6059: Mr. WELCH, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mr. QUIGLEY.
 H.R. 6060: Mr. TAYLOR.
 H.R. 6089: Mr. GARCIA of California and Mrs. LESKO.
 H.R. 6095: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
 H.R. 6096: Ms. BROWNLEY and Mr. COOPER.
 H.R. 6100: Ms. BROWNLEY and Mr. CROW.

H.R. 6101: Mr. CARL.
 H.R. 6129: Mr. YOUNG and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
 H.R. 6132: Mr. CASE.
 H.R. 6161: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. CASE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. BACON, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. WELCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Mr. KATKO.
 H.R. 6205: Ms. HOULAHAN.
 H.R. 6206: Mrs. BOEBERT.
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 H.R. 6247: Mr. KUSTOFF.
 H.R. 6251: Mr. KELLER.
 H.R. 6255: Mrs. STEEL.
 H.R. 6267: Mr. MEEKS and Mr. TONKO.
 H.R. 6272: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Ms. BROWN of Ohio.
 H.R. 6291: Ms. STEVENS.
 H.R. 6297: Mr. DONALDS.
 H.R. 6299: Mrs. HINSON, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, and Mr. JACKSON.
 H.R. 6303: Ms. NORTON and Ms. BROWNLEY.
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 H.R. 6329: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
 H.R. 6367: Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. HILL, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. WOMACK.
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 H.J. Res. 58: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.
 H.J. Res. 67: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
 H. Con. Res. 29: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
 H. Con. Res. 45: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
 H. Res. 103: Mr. MFUME, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. NEGUSE, and Ms. MANNING.
 H. Res. 289: Mr. EVANS and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
 H. Res. 493: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.
 H. Res. 558: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. HIMES, and Mrs. KIM of California.
 H. Res. 714: Ms. BROWNLEY.
 H. Res. 744: Mr. MOULTON, Mr. KILMER, Mr. POSEY, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LAMALFA, and Ms. MENG.
 H. Res. 752: Mr. DESAULNIER.
 H. Res. 784: Mrs. HAYES.